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SUMMARY.

Another sharp shock of earthquake has been experienced in San Francisco, and in the State of Oregon, but no harm was done.

The damage by fire and earthquake at San Francisco is estimated at £60,000,000, of which £35,000,000 is covered by insurance.

The Porte is profoundly impressed by the increase of the British garrison in Egypt.

It is feared, however, that the Sultan will not yield until Great Britain proceeds to extremes.

The "Times" warns the Sultan that he is making a dangerous experiment by occupying Tabah.

The "Temps" says the effects of German intervention in Morocco are noticeable at Tunis, where acts of aggression against Europeans are increasing.

Foreign agents travelling in Tunis affirm that the German Emperor is the real protector of the Moslems.

Count Guicciardini, Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs, says that the Morocco conference was completely successful.

He emphasises Italy's friendship for France, her intimacy with England, and her fidelity to the Triple Alliance.

An infernal machine has been found on the window-sill of the residence of ex-President Loubet.

In the Dominion House of Commons Mr. D. Henderson, member for Halton, said he was in favour of cancelling the preference granted to the motherland.

The Canadian Minister for Agriculture said he regretted that such a remark had been made, and he attributed it to political hostility.

Ten revolutionaries, dressed as policemen, obtained by a ruse from the central prison at Warsaw 10 important political prisoners.

The revolutionaries represented that they had been entrusted to transfer the prisoners to the citadel. They chloroformed the driver of the prison van.

Bambaata, with 300 followers, has fled towards Natal from the Zululand interior. Troops pursue him.

Five hundred volunteers from the Transvaal start for the front on Friday.

Herr Mangels, Commercial Councillor to the German Consulate at Asuncion, Paraguay, has been murdered.

Mr. Deakin has criticised the speech delivered by Mr. Reid at the conference of the Farmers' and Producers' Association of Victoria.

He describes Mr. Reid's policy as purely a negative one, and by implication places protection as the paramount issue.

Mr. Deakin will deliver an address at Camperdown (V.) on Friday night, and deal with the attitude of the recent Labour conference.

Mr. Watson, M.P., addressed a meeting at the Exhibition Building, Adelaide, last night, and was well received.

He said there was still a possibility of two parties working together in Parliament, although neither might attain all they desired.

Mr. G. H. Reid addressed a large meeting at Albury last night, mainly on socialism, and was accorded a vote of thanks.

The farmers' conference in Melbourne carried a motion pledging itself to support the State Parliaments in the maintenance of State rights.

The conference expressed a hope that the tariff would be dealt with next session on the lines of the compromise indicated by Mr. Reid.

Arrangements have been made to pay to pupil teachers the increases to which they are entitled, together with arrears.

In a police court case at Forbes the magistrate decided that a land agent was only entitled to charge for work actually performed.

Mr. Justice Pring yesterday quashed the conviction of a publican for permitting liquor to be sold during unlawful hours.

It was shown in the evidence that the publican was ill in bed at the time of the sale, for which an unauthorised person was responsible.

The City Council appealed to the Chief Secretary yesterday to grant them control of the theatres in Sydney.

The Lord Mayor said that in Sydney there were some public buildings which were nothing more than death-traps.

Mr. Hogue replied that the transference of the theatres to the council would also involve the transference of part of the police force.

A party of 12 settlers from New South Wales are interviewing the authorities in Queensland with a view of taking up selections there.

A cage used to haul mullock at the South Kalgurli mine fell from the 700ft to the 1200ft level, and injured one man, others providentially escaping.

The Tariff Commission took further evidence in Brisbane. Representatives of the iron trades asked for increased duties on iron-work and machinery.

There are 65 typhoid fever patients in the Cobar Hospital.

Four boys who were camped in the ranges near Bendigo, and were living by thieving, have been arrested for stealing a horse and buggy from church grounds.

Delegates of Australasian universities met in conference at Melbourne, and adopted a number of proposals for co-operative administration.

The Minister for Defence intends to obtain a departmental report upon the attack made upon the military administration by Colonel Antill.

Sir William Lyne thinks it was "a most indiscreet thing for officers to sit and listen to Colonel Antill's speech."

At the annual meeting of the Queen Victoria Home for Consumptives it was reported that 270 patients had been treated during the year.

Senator Gould delivered an address protesting against the inaction of the Government in dealing with advanced cases of consumption.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Junction North Mining Company a motion was carried protesting against any scheme of amalgamation with another company.

It was resolved to ask the Government to institute an inquiry into the cause of the fire in the Junction mine.

About 6,500,000 gallons of water have been sent into the northern mines, Broken Hill, since the flooding operations began.

Saturday next will be the one hundred and thirty-sixth anniversary of the landing of Captain Cook in Australia. The State Governor will break the flag at Kurnell.

The drink bill in New Zealand last year diminished by 2s 8d per head—the first substantial reduction per head since 1894.

The Minister for Works officially opened the Cudgel Creek canal yesterday.

He said that the canal only represented the beginning of a comprehensive scheme of irrigation that would benefit thousands of people.

The Queensland Government is considering the advisability of establishing a labour colony.

Ernest Edward Ivey, aged 16, fell beneath a train at Lindfield station platform yesterday, and was killed.

Five New Caledonian escapees arrived in Sydney yesterday by the Prinz Waldemar from German New Guinea.

The men had escaped fourteen months ago, and landed at Manton, after sailing 2000 miles in an open boat.

Thomas Green, aged 61, a miner, was crushed to death by a fall of coal at Dudley Colliery.

The gatehouse at Hedley (V.) railway station was stuck up by masked burglars on Sunday morning, and £7 was taken.

The Armadale (Victoria) bowlers were defeated by Ashfield yesterday by 95 points to 86.

Only three sales of investment securities were reported on the Stock Exchange. Quotations were firm.

A moderate amount of business was transacted in the mining market. Prices for the most part were steady.

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TO-DAY (THURSDAY) and FRIDAY, APRIL 26 and 27.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued to ROOTY HILL at Sydney and intermediate Stations, TO-DAY (THURSDAY) and on FRIDAY NEXT, by Special Train leaving Sydney at 9.55 a.m., available for return until Saturday, April 28.
TO-DAY and TO-MORROW Special Passenger Trains will leave Sydney (No. 2 platform) at 9.55 a.m., and arrive Rooty Hill 10.47 a.m.
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CHALLENGE
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Dated at Sydney this 25th day of April, 1906.
V. H. BAXTER, Resident Secretary.

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A LECTURE will be delivered at 8 o'clock THIS EVENING, at the Equitable-buildings, George-street, by
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THURSDAY MIDDAY SERVICE.
TO-DAY, 1.15 P.M.
REV. A. HOLLIDAY, B.A., LL.B.
Organist, Mr. PIDCOCK.

MEETINGS.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.
Established 1849.
FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.
NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of this Society will be held in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, Pitt-street, Sydney, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of FRIDAY, 25th May, 1906, for the purpose of
(1) Receiving the Report of the Directors on the business of the Society for the year ended December 31, 1905.
(2) Electing three Directors in lieu of Benjamin Short, Esq., and Senator the Hon. J. T. Walker, who retire in terms of bylaw 16, and of Rollo A. Cape, Esq., who retires in terms of bylaw 15, all of whom are eligible for election.
(3) Electing an Auditor in lieu of T. F. H. Mackenzie, Esq., F.S.I.A., M.L.A., who retires in terms of bylaw 28, but is eligible for re-election.
(4) Declaring the amount of divisible surplus for the year ended December 31, 1905.
The following members have given the requisite notice that they are Candidates for the vacant seats on the Board, namely:—Richard Arthur, Esq., M.D., M.L.A., Gerald Ross Campbell, Esq., Rollo A. Cape, Esq., John Kirkland, Esq., Benjamin Short, Esq., Arthur Graham Wald, Esq., and Senator the Hon. J. T. Walker.
The following members have given the requisite notice that they are candidates for the position of Auditor, namely:—H. C. Brierley, Esq., F.I.A.V., F.F.I.A., and T. F. H. Mackenzie, Esq., F.S.I.A., M.L.A.
By order of the Board,
RICHARD TEECE, General Manager.
Head Office, 87 Pitt-street, Sydney, April 23, 1906.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.
Ladies and Gentlemen,—
As our respective terms of office as Directors of your Society expire at the approaching Annual Meeting, we have the honour to announce that we are Candidates for Re-election.
Respectfully soliciting a continuance of your support,
We beg to subscribe ourselves,
Your faithful servants,
J. T. WALKER,
BENJAMIN SHORT.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.
Ladies and Gentlemen,—
Having been unanimously appointed by the Directors at the Head Office to fill the Vacancy on the Board caused by the lamented death of the late Mr. Thomas Littlejohn, I now, in terms of Bylaw 15, beg to offer myself as a Candidate for one of the Vacant Seats on the Board, and confidently invite your confirmation of the Board's action.
ROLLO A. CAPE.

NEW SOUTH WALES CLUB.
The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members will be held in the Smoking-room on FRIDAY, 27th inst., at 1.30 p.m.
By order,
FRANK EVANS, Secretary.

THE N.S.W. ALLIANCE CONVENTION. CENTENARY HALL, YORK-STREET.
Monday next—Representative Conference.
Tuesday next—Great Public Demonstration; Y.M.C.A. Quartette. Speakers: Hon. the Attorney-General, Mrs. Harrison Lee, Mr. Bruntnell. Canon Boyce presiding.

CROW'S NEST WOMEN'S LIBERAL LEAGUE.—Annual MEETING, Walker's Hall, Falcon-street, TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock. Addresses by the Hon. DUGALD THOMSON, M.P., and Mr. DAVID FELL, M.L.A. Election of Officers.

PROVINCIAL GRAND BLACK CHAPTER OF NEW SOUTH WALES. Meet TO-NIGHT, 7.30, PROTESTANT HALL, Castlereagh-street.
F. MORTIMON, Grand Reg.

THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the Common Room on FRIDAY, April 27th, at 5 p.m.
W. F. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.

W.C.O. Committee P.L.L.—Meeting To-night, 7.30. W. G. Spence, M.H.R., on "The Importance of Political Organisation," 8.30.
E. BETHEL, Sec.

EDUCATIONAL.

COLLEGE FOR GIRLS AND KINDERGARTEN, REDLANDS, MILITARY-ROAD, N. SYDNEY.
Principals:
MISS LIGGINS and MISS ARNOLD.
STUDIES RESUMED 23rd inst.

A SCHOOL AND A HOME FOR YOUR BOY. CAMPBELLTOWN-CAMDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL and COMMERCIAL COLLEGE (Camden line). THE SANATORIUM OF THE SOUTH (200 acres). Head Master, H. OLIVER, M.A., Ph.D. INDIVIDUAL TUITION, Typewriting, Shorthand, etc. PERSONAL ATTENTION, HIGH MORAL TRAINING. PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR BUSINESS LIFE.

PIANOFORTE.—Yng. Lady, Trinity College certif., visits and rec., 2 lessons wkly, 1s. Theory. G.P.O.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL, ERSKINEVILLE.
BOOTMAKING CLASSES.
Arrangements have been made for the Classes to begin on THURSDAY NEXT, 26th instant, at 8 o'clock, in the Premises in Railway-parade, Erskineville, lately occupied by Mr. F. J. Walters as a Boot Factory. All persons interested in the Boot Trade are cordially invited to be present at the Inaugural Lecture by Mr. H. LEWIS, Director of the School.
G. H. KNIBBS, Officer Directing Technical Education.
Central Technical College, Sydney, 24th April, 1906. (50-36)

MACHINERY.

TO NEWSPAPER PROPRIETORS AND PRINTERS.
FOR SALE.
A GOOD ROTARY PRINTING MACHINE.
A VICTORY WEB PRINTING AND FOLDING MACHINE, in first-class condition. Will print and fold sheet 37 x 51 inches. Included with the machine are a set of new gear wheels, two roller moulds complete, one casting box (will require a little alteration), one chipping horse, and nearly a double set of roller stocks.
A TWO-FEEDER FLAT-BED PRINTING MACHINE, IN GOOD CONDITION.
A TWO-FEEDER MACHINE, made by Davis, London. Will print a sheet 37 inches by 52 inches. Speed, 2200 per hour. Machine is in good condition. With machine is a double set of Roller Stocks and Moulds complete. Will do excellent illustrated work.
JOHN FAIRFAX and SONS, S. M. Herald Office.

CHEAPEST MOTIVE POWER.
TANGYE'S 47-h.p. GAS ENGINE and SUCTION GAS PRODUCER.
Working locally at a certified cost of one penny for 10-h.p. per hour.
Free from the disadvantages of the pressure plant.
BENNIE, TEARE, and CO., Hay-street, Sole Representatives.

ASBESTOS BOILER and PIPE COVERING, manufactured by H. W. JOHNS. Best and most economical; 20 per cent. saving in coal bill by adopting it. H. P. GREGORY and CO., 74 Clarence-street, Sydney.

ANVIL, Portable Forges, Bellows, Vyces, Emery Grinders, Garden Roller, Separator, Screw-press, Shirt-iron Mach., Horse Gear, Chaffcutter, Blowers, Lathes, Crnckr., W'house Hoist. Elliott, 493 Geo.-st.

SIX and 8 h.p. Vert. Engines and Boilers, £50 and £25; Hydro Extractor, £10; pair Vert. Engines, high speed, 3-h.p., £25; C. T. Boiler, 6-h.p., £30; 6-h.p. Vert. Boiler, £20. 41 Arundel-street, Glebe.

FOR SALE, SHAFTING, Pulleys, Hangers, Plummer Blocks. Can be inspected at No. 9 O'Connell-street.

FOR SALE, 6-h.p. Portable, by Hawthorne, Leeds, can be seen under st., £100. T. K. Smith, 70 Hay-st.

WANTED, sec.-hand Curving Machine and Tinsmith's Roller, Fldrs. W.J.C., 33 Wigbby.-rd, N.S.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

LEFT-OFF CLOTHING.—Mr. and Mrs. FIENBERG give extreme value for Ladies', Gents.'s, and Children's Clothing, Boots, Hats, Teeth, Gold, H. Linen, Trunks, Furn., Articles every description. Letters or telephones attended to. Dist. no obj. 'Phone 2047. 129B Bathurst-street.

MR. and Mrs. FREEMAN guarantee to give the extreme value for Ladies and Gents.'s Left-off Clothing, Old Artificial Teeth, articles ev. descrip. Bought. Letters promptly attended. 279 Elizabeth-st, city.

LEFT-OFF CLOTHING BUYERS.
Mr. and Mrs. WOOLF, of 112, 114, and 116 Bathurst-street, respectfully inform Ladies and Gentlemen that they are oldest and most reliable Wardrobe Dealers in the Colony, and are prepared to allow the utmost value for every description of LEFT-OFF CLOTHING, Portmanteaux, Trunks, Old Gold, Artificial Teeth, Silver Plate, Linen, etc. All letters and appointments punctually attended to. Please to observe our only address.
Telephone, 4182.

LEFT-OFF CLOTHING (the Original).—Mr. and Mrs. M. MITCHELL have a great demand for all kinds of LEFT-OFF CLOTHING, and also supply other colonies. Ladies and gentlemen can rely on getting the extreme value. Ladies changing for Mourning. Old Teeth, Jewellery, Portmanteaux, Uniforms, Lab. Linen, Furn. Letters and parcels attended. Telephone, 4348. 147 Bathurst-street, city. We send no representatives.

LEFT-OFF CLOTHING Bought to any amount.—Mr. and Mrs. BARNETT, 43 and 45 Foveaux-street, city, the oldest dealers, of 40 years' standing, have a great demand for all kinds of Left-off Clothing. We give 50 to 100 p.c. more than other dealers. Old Gold, Teeth, Household Linen, Portmanteaux, Trunks, Miscellaneous. Articles Bought. Letters and telephone messages promptly attended to. Tel., 176 Paddington.

LEFT-OFF CLOTHING.—Mr. and Mrs. GOLDSTEIN guar. to give extreme value for Ladies', Gents.'s Clothing, every description; Gold, H. Linen, Teeth, Portmanteaux, Hats, Rugs, Boots, Boxes, Furn. All articles bought sep. Please give us a trial. Letters attended to, dist. no obj. 137 Bathurst-st. T. 3566.

LEFT-OFF CLOTHING.—Mrs. and Miss LEWIS guarantee to give extreme value for Ladies', Gents.'s Left-off Clothing. Articles of all descriptions bought. Letters promptly attended to. 92 George-street West.

FAT (Kitchen) bought, or Soap in exch. Letters att. city or subs. J. H. Marlton, 27 Bray-st, Erskineville.

KITCHEN FAT Bought, or Soap given in Exchange. Letters prom. att. W. Castle, 61 Raglan-st, D'ton.

SAFE, in good order. Price and partics. to Box 9, Queen Victoria Markets P.O.

INVALID'S LOUNGE, cane or otherwise, on castors preferred. Apply Invalid, P.O., William-st.

BOOTSHOP Window FITTINGS wanted. State price, etc., to Cheap, Haymarket P.O.

WANTED, secondhand full-size Billiard Table. Apply stating price, to Institute, P.O., Redfern.

WANTED Buy, 800 or 1000 gal. Gal. Iron Tank, at Belmore, must be good order. ch. G. E., Herald.

WANTED, light Perambulator, in good condition, must be cheap, state price. 27 Emily-st, L'hardt.

WANTED to Buy, Avery SCALE, to weigh up to half-ton, must be in first-class condition. Price to Box 50, Haymarket.

WANTED to Buy, small SAFE, good maker. H. W. A. E., Glebe P.O.

BUSINESSES FOR SALE OR WANTED.

PRINCE CAMERON & CO., 62 PITT-STREET. Tel., 3325.
HOTEL, gd. lse., at £3 10s, prf. tde. 5 x 54's, nicely furn., only one chge., 10 yrs., full price, £700.
HOTEL, W. Subs., any lse., apd. buyer, rent £2 10s, 8-9 x 27's Tooth's, all bar, no jug or bot., £750.
HOTEL, gd. cor., any lse. to apd. buyer, at £3, prf.tde. 5-6 x 36's wkly., Tooth's, bargain, offer.
HOTEL, rly. junct., lse. 9 yrs., easy rental, proof tkgs. £75 weekly, no opposition, £2000.
HOTEL, busiest pt. Geo.-st, gd. lse., noml. rent, turnover £10,000 p.a., fullest invtgn., sound invest., £2000.
LEADING HOTEL, S. Coast, lse. 10 yrs., rt. £10, tkgs. over £100 wkly., 60 rms., well furn., £2500.
COUNTRY HOTEL, flourishing stn. town, lse. 8 yrs., rent £3, tkgs. £35 wkly., nicely furd., f.h., £1500.
GROCY., Provs., busy sub., gd. s. and dwg., easy rent, well stkd. and fitted, tkgs. £60-£65 wk., £[illegible].
NEWS AGENCIES, N. Sydney, £650; E. Subs., £571, £425, £260; W. subs., £675, £275; city and subs.

P. V. RYAN AND CO., 114A PITT-STREET.
HOTEL, W. sub., main road, beer trade avgs. 6 x 54's xxx wkly., pays £120 m., must sell this wk., offer.
HOTEL, heart of city, free, 15 yr.' l., net profits £1000 per annum, elaborately appntd. throughout, £2000.
HOTEL, Balmn., rent 45s, bar £30 wkly., lately remodelled, in tip-top order, family reasons, £200.
HOTEL, adjoining interstate and N.Z. wharves, tkgs. £45 weekly, 9 years' lease, 20 rooms, £800.
HOTEL, cosy little house, on busy Redfern corner, rent 50s, £25 wkly., can be improved, £120.
HOTEL, Railway Suburb, rent £2 10s, years same hands, takes £25 wkly., free house, £250.
HOTEL, country, 10 yrs., tak. £25 wk., free, £300.
HOTEL, ctry., 7 yrs., takes £40 wk., free, £650.
HOTEL, ctry., 10 yrs., tak. £70 w., free, £600.
HOTEL, ctry., leading house, tak. £100 wk., £[illegible].
8 and 9 POST OFFICE-CHAMBERS, OPPOSITE G.P.O.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, vicinity of large works, drawing 6 x 36's wk., cash £275. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Castlereagh-st, near theatres, must be sold at once, cash £450 or offer. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, centre city, turnover £90 wk., rent £10, modern premises, cash £750. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, leading residential house, furniture valued at £2250, takings £250 week, two elaborate bars, every investigation courted, free house, price £3000, cash £1000, bal. terms. 134 Pitt-street.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, 7 years' same hands, licensee will sell at once for £100 cash. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Petersham (Tooth's), no opposition, comp. house, solid bar trade, cash £250.

MILK RUN, west. subs., doing 136 qts. daily, 50 to 60 lb butter, 2 horses and carts, £140. 134 Pitt-st.

HAM and BEEF, main st, same hands yrs., tak. £20 wk., elab. fitted, £110. Ivan Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

DAIRY, Burwood, 36 cows, 4 horses, 2 carts, 100 acres, doing 200 qts., £600. I. Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

OWEN L. WILLIAMS, Original Proprietor of the firm of Owen and Co. Only address, 71 Elizabeth-st.

PRODUCE, Wood, and Coal, Business, close railway station, fine shed and store, rent 15s, doing £45 per week, price £150, fine chance for man with sons. O. L. WILLIAMS, 71 Elizabeth-street.

SMALL Mixed Business, rent 10s, nice double shop and residence, only £45, suit lady. 71 Elizabeth-st.

STATIONERY, light Drapery, women and children's white work, real nice bus., £90. O. L. Williams.

GROCERY, doing £20 cash, nice sub., rent 15s, stock, fittings, etc., at valu., £100. 71 Elizabeth-st.

REGISTRY Office, absolutely one of the best conducted and respectably-connected businesses in the city, never changed hands for 7 years, rent 15s, tel. paid, shows £3 10s wk., £75. O. L. Williams, 71 Eliz.-st.

NEWS Agency and Stationery, doing 5000 papers, £15 shop, blocked, any trial, genuine. 71 Elizabeth-st.

HAM, Beef, and Provision, owing to illness, must sell, value guar. £75, take £50, barg. 71 Elizabeth-st.

O. L. WILLIAMS, 71 Elizabeth-st.—Lodging-h., city, well furnished, must sell, low price, a gift.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st.—Boarding-house, 14 rooms, furniture, etc., £165.

BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT, best position in city, 20 rooms, etc., newly furnished throughout, full constant boarders, first-class piano, cutlery, etc., £425. NEEDHAM and CO.

LODGING-HOUSE, 14 rms., 21 lodgers, good position, furniture, etc., £50. Needham and Co.

RESTAURANT, best part of city, old estab. bus., trade £4X fare, stove, etc., £250. Needham.

DAIRY, railway suburb, 5 rooms, bails, sheds, etc., 160 quarts daily, 23 cows, bull, horses, carts, van, chaffcutter, all utensils, £225. NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-street.

MILK and Butter Run, 136 quarts, 60lb butter, 2 horses, gd. cart, good prem., £145. Needham.

NEWS Agency, Stationery, etc., shop, 5 rms., 3200 papers, shop £20, stock, etc., £325. Needham.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st.—Butchery, 24 bodies, 25 sheep, 40 sundries, full plant, £200.

WARDEN, Hosking's-chambers, 163 Pitt-st, next to G.P.O.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st.—Hotel, Northern town, receipts from £80 to £100 w., rent £8, cash £600.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st.—Hotel, good business house, in Parramatta-rd, must sell this week.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st.—Hotel, central Paddington corner, low rent, fine premises, lse. 12, £400.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st.—Hotel, right opposite New Station, excellent accom., bar £50, £800.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st.—Hotel, Haymarket, rent £3, bar £35, £370.

CONFECTIONERY and Ref.—Wanted, good suburban Business, up to £175. Warden, 163 Pitt-st.

WE have a cash Buyer for Butter Run, £30; Fruit, Greengrocery Run, £40. 47 Castlereagh-st.

HAIRDRESSER, Tobacconist, country, rent 14s, well fitt-d, stock £30, large trade, £45. 47 C'reagh-st.

N. AGENCY, Stationery, nice dwell., rent 11s, stock £60, pap re 3500, £265. Brown, 47 Castlereagh-st.

A. T. BROWN and CO., 47 Castlereagh-st, all kinds Businesses. Cor. Rowe-st, next Hotel Australia.

KOGARAH.—Crockery, Glass, E'ware, S. Req., etc., £30, barg. Hutchinson Co., Railway-parade, Kog.

DAIRY, Cott., land, complete, takings £30 mthly., £53. Hutchinson and Co., Railway-parade, Kog.

GENERAL STORE, splendid chance live man, £100. Hutchinson and Co., Railway-parade, Kogarah.

CONFECTIONERY, Glebe, good Bus., nice shop, £50. Hutchinson and Co., Railway-parade, Kogarah.

CONFECT. and Wines, city posit., lucrative income, £150. Hutchinson and Co., Railway-parade, Kog.

STATIONERY, Confectionery, News Agency Business, etc., for Sale, best corner position, busy suburb, no goodwill, full value for money, suit lady, £100. C. I. ALLUM, 20 Bland-street, Ashfield.

MIXED BUSINESS, Grocery, Habdy., etc., nice position, gd. dwlg. and yard, rent 8s 6d, well stocked and nicely fitted, £60 or offer. C. I. ALLUM, 20 Bland-street, Ashfield.

HAIRDRESSING and Tobacconist, busy shop and saloon, centre city, patronised by sports, long established, cheap rental, bank account shown, furniture; illness. MASSIE and WADDELL, Park and Crgh. sts.

CHANCE to-day, for £25, Fruit, Greengr., and Conf., mirrors, counters, takings £15. 180 Castlereagh-st.

LAUNDRY, clears £3, machine, stove, irons, etc., rent 10s, good yard. Massie, 180 Castlereagh-st.

MILK Run, 140 quarts, 60lb butter, 2 horses, up-to-date cart, £140. 180 Castlereagh-st.

PARTNER, £2000, return £1000 p.a., genuine. Growing business, £8 wk. net profits, £550, week's trial, £250 cash; Fruiterer, etc, £110, month's trial. Campbell and Jackson, agents, 71 Alfred-st, N. Sydney.

RESTAURANT, clears over £3 week, must sell through sickness, never in the market before, rare chance, an absolute gift, your own price, £30. EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION, 92 Elizabeth-street.

OPPORTUNITY for two smart Men or Married Couple to secure Fruit and Greengrocery BUSINESS, best position, in main street, low rent, sell cheap. L. J. B., P.O., Paddington.

BARGAIN, for £55, worth £90.—Confec., Pastry, and Drinks, handsomely fitted up, fully stocked, good suburban position, rent 14s, good dwelling, special sale to-day. MASSIE and WADDELL, 180 C'reagh-st.

MIXED BUSINESS, Grocery, Greengrocery, etc, horse, cart, lolly jars, weights and scales; will introduce buyer to customers for one week; price £55. Apply after 3 p.m., J. Fernon, 147 Victoria-st, Lwsham.

STOCK and Plant of an old and well established MANUFACTORY, as a going concern, price £2000. W. SLOWCASTLE, 29 Parramatta-road, Forest Lodge.

BOARDING-HOUSE, fashionable suburb, 11 rooms, all well furnished, rent 35s, always full, 7 years present owner, saved money all the time, piano, £150. Primo Business Agency, 316 Palmer-st, Oxford-st, city.

TWELVE HUNDRED CHILDREN to be catered for. School Requisites, Confectionery, Fruit, and Stationery Business. The best for its size in the market. Sure income. DEUCHAR, Agent, Stanmore station.

GROCERY, Greengrocery, horse, cart, outside run, cheap. J. Dillon, Lane Cove-rd, St. Leonards.

FRUIT, Veg., and Confec., shop, 5 rooms, rent 12s 6d, £90. Kitt and Co., 114A Pitt-st, op. G.P.O.

BOARDING-HOUSE, city, £45, rare chance, 5 years in present hands. Webbe and Co., 51 Eliz.-st.

FOR Sale, privately, Boarding-house in city, well furn., good city connex. A.A., Haymarket P.O.

WANTED to Sell, Hotel Business, free house, 9 yrs., lse., furn. complete, no agents. R.C.F., Herald.

WINE BAR for Sale, city, £120, £6 week clear profit, rent £1 5s. Hardy's Bon Groveng-st, city.

N. AGENCY, etc., papers, blocked, 15,000 wk., shop, £15 wk., sp. bus., £1000. Papers, Herald, King-st.

SACRIFICING Ham, Beef, Pastry, no reasonable offer refused. Genuine, P.O., Crown-st. No agents.

FRUIT, Greengrocery, S. D., Conf., good shop, dwl., close stn., £90, gift. R. A., Petersham P.O.

SUBURBAN Confectionery and Mixed, tak. £8 wk., lovely home, fittings, big stock, £60. 19 Erskine-st.

FOR SALE, Fish Shop, main street, good stand, same hands 3 years, cheap. 172 Harris-st, Pyrmont.

BUTCHERS.—Small Business for Sale, cheap, books shown. Corner of Hill and Catherine sts, L'hardt.

BOOT Repairing Business, 7 years' standing, with or without tools, cheap. W. J., Newtown P.O.

BOARDING-H. FURN., comprising Piano, Dining-r., Bedrooms, etc, to-day. 94 Victoria-st, D'hurst.

DAIRY.—Partner will sell Half Share in good business. Full partic., A. Saunders, P.O., Croydon.

WANTED, PAYING BUSINESS, Stationery, Fancy, and News Agency, about £75. Must stand thorough investigation. No agents. Buyer, Herald.

WANTED, small News Agency, with outside run. Price and particulars, J.B., Herald Office.

WANTED, good Milk Run, between Sydney and Ashfield. Particulars to L.B., P.O., Geo.-st W.

JOSEPH AND CO., BUSINESS AGENTS. Established 1866. Largest register of Businesses and Boarding-houses. 106 KING-STREET.

BOARDING-HOUSE, Darlinghurst, 22 rooms, cheap rent, well furnished throughout, good piano, old established, splendid country connection, full supply plate, linen, always full, £300. Joseph, 106 King-st.

BOARDING-HOUSE, nice city pos., 11 rooms, rent 25s, nearly furn., piano, barg., £80. Joseph, Co.

LODGING-HOUSE, Church Hill, 12 rs., clear profit £3 wk., well furnished, £90. Joseph and Co.

BUTCHER'S, 2½ bodies, 25 sheep, sundries, complete, ing scales, mable fitt., g. plant, £45. Joseph.

BUTTER and Provision Run, takings £20 wk., trial, horse, waggonette, comp. plant, £75. Joseph.

NEWS Agency, Stationery, leading suburb, 800 papers weekly, also large shop trade, trial given, blocked run, very compact, good residence, easy rent, principals only, £550. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-st.

HAM, Beef, Smallgoods, city, takings £12 wk., trial given, rent 2½s, gift, £30. Joseph and Co.

JOSEPH and CO., Hotel Brokers, 106 King-street.—Just instructed to sell, Hotel, railway, modern house, drawing 12-36 Tooth's week, taking £40 week, very profitable, well furnished, full price £1250. Hotel, heart city, 8 y., rent £3 5-36 wk., £1[illegible]. Hotel, Redfern, corner, 4-36 wk., Tooth's h., £350. Hotel, Tooth's, shipping corner, 6-27 wk., gift, £150. Hotel, Moore Park, 6-36 week, low rent, £350. Hotel, tram terminus, Tooth's, 8-27 wk., tak. £[illegible]. £250. Hotel, W'l'hra, £150. City cor., £120, etc.

WANTED Buy, Hairdressing and Tob. Bus. in good country town. Price, partic. Genuine, Herald.

WANTED Purchase, first-class Grocery or General Store, suburban, must stand strictest investig., capital £1500 to £2000; no agents need apply. JUNEE, G.P.O.

WANTED, first-class Boarding Establishment, with water frontage, tennis court, Mosman or Neutral Bay. Reply, stating terms, to BUSINESS, Herald.

WANTED, by a cash buyer, sound Grocery or Mixed Bus., any decent sub., prin. only. Dapto, Herald.

WANTED Purchase, Grocery or Ham and Beef Business, £50 to £200. No agts. Grocer, Glebe P.O.

WANTED Buy, Paying Business, any class, must be genuine. J. A. Smith, Redfern P.O.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Equity (No. 2078).—In the matter of the Trusts of the Will of LEON CARON, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Musical Director, deceased; and in the matter of the Trustee Act, 1898, Part 2; and in the matter of the PERMANENT TRUSTEE COMPANY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (LIMITED) ACT.—NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to this Honorable Court on FRIDAY, the fourth day of May next, or as soon thereafter as Counsel can be heard, for the order of the Court to the appointment of the PERMANENT TRUSTEE COMPANY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (Limited) as Trustee of the Will of the abovenamed deceased in the place of ELIZA CARON and STEPHEN MOUNTAIN STEPHENS, who have renounced the trusts thereof, and for such other relief in the premises as to this Honourable Court shall seem meet. H. I. FREEMAN, Solicitor for the Applicants, 107 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
IN BANKRUPTCY.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
ACCOUNTS with plans of distribution in the undermentioned Estates, showing dividends as specified, are now filed in the Office of the Registrar in Bankruptcy, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, for the inspection of persons interested; and Notice is hereby given that such accounts and plans will be submitted to the Court for confirmation on FRIDAY, the 11th May, 1906, at 11 a.m., if not previously objected to:—
FRANK STEPHENS, of North Sydney, Butcher (No. 16,900), a first account and plan of distribution, showing payment of a dividend of 1s 0½d (one shilling and seven eighths of a penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.
In the following Estates accounts current only, showing debit balances:—
No. 16,829. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER CULLEN, of George-street, Sydney, Provision Dealer.
No. 16,775. JAMES LINKS, of Cowra, Bicycle Agent.
No. 16,783. MATTHIAS JAMES BRADLEY, of Helensburg North, Miner.
No. 16,805. GEORGE BAKON, of Inverell, Farmer.
No. 16,816. JOHN NORTHCOTT, of West Maitland, Publican.
No. 16,842. PAUL WHITE, of North Sydney, Painter.
No. 16,818. EDWARD GEORGE DAVIS, of Cobar, Hotelkeeper.
No. 16,780. JOSEPH RILEY, of Wyalong, Dairyman.
No. 16,705. HERBERT McALLISTER, of Plattsburg, Tailor.
No. 16,903. GEORGE EPPLE, of Wickham, Butcher.
LANCELOT T. LLOYD, Official Assignee.
Denman-chambers, 182 Phillip-street, Sydney, 23rd April, 1906.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate and Effects of FRANCES MARY DALTON, late of 5 Marion-street, Enmore, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Pursuant to the Wills Probate and Administration Act, 1898, Notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against or upon the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at 5 Marion-street, Enmore, on 2nd January, 1906, are hereby required to send in full particulars of their claims and demands upon the said Estate, to the PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, Limited, 2 Spring-street, Sydney, the Executors and Trustees of the said Estate, to whom Probate was granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales on 2nd March, 1906, on or before the eighth day of June next, in default whereof the said Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, will after the last mentioned date, proceed to administer the Estate and distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which they shall then have notice, and the said Company will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this twenty-third day of April, 1906. For PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, Limited, A. J. MACKENZIE, Manager. Messrs. LAURENCE and MACDONALD, Proctors, Bank-chambers, 1-2 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of SARAH GARNER, late of Glebe, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JAMES MATTHEWS, of New Canterbury-road, Petersham, near Sydney aforesaid, and all Notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. And all creditors and other persons having any claim against the Estate of the said deceased are hereby required to send notice of the same to the office of the undersigned or to the said JAMES MATTHEWS. HENRY DAVIS, Solicitor, Bull's-chambers, 14 Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JAMES MARSHALL, late of South Grafton, in the State of New South Wales, Labourer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY ANN MARSHALL, the Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices are to be served at the undermentioned address. MARY ANN MARSHALL, South Grafton.

THE practice carried on by me at Phillip-court, Phillip-street, Sydney, under the style of C. Murdoch and A. McC. Lobban," will henceforth be carried on by Messrs. LOBBAN and LOBBAN, solicitors, of Grafton, and the above address, under their own firm name. A. McC. LOBBAN.

LEGAL.—For SALE, well-established PRACTICE in leading country town; principals only dealt with. Apply Box 580, G.P.O.

CALLS AND DIVIDENDS ON SHARES.

THE WOODLARK ISLAND PROPRIETARY GOLD MINING COMPANY, No Liability.
NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL (No. 11) of Threepence per Share has been made upon the Contributing (new issue) Shares in the above Company, payable to the Manager at Imperial-chambers, 10 O'Connell-street, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of MAY, 1906.
By order of the Board.
R. N. KIRK, Manager.
Sydney, 24th April, 1906.

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AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, Specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

2 FIRST-CLASS VAN HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
2 First-class Heavy Van Horses, bay and brown, highly recommended, subject to trial.

RELIABLE HARNESS MARE, FROM ALBION PARK.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. CHAS. GREENLAND to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Chestnut Mare, good and stanch in all kinds of harness.

PRIZE 14.3 SAD. AND HAR. GELDING.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. E. O'CONNOR to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Bay Gelding, 14.3, 5 yrs., broken to sad. and har., winner of special prize present show, suit doctor or private gent.

SUP. 13.2 BUGGY PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Black Pony, 13.2, broken to sad. and har., very fast trotter, quiet to trams.

4 CLARENCE RIVER HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. JOSEPHS to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
4 Upstanding Horses. Particulars at sale.

STANCH SP.-CART MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. MALTBY to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Grey Mare, stanch and reliable, suit grocer's cart.

6 POWERFUL HEAVY DRAUGHT HORSES, FROM GLADSTONE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. D. Lee, Gladstone, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11.30 a.m.,
6 Extra Heavy Draught Horses, all thoroughly broken, 4 to 6 years old, worthy the special attention of Brewers, Millers, and Heavy Carriers.

HIGH-CLASS PRIZE PONY COB.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Fitz-Hill, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11.30 a.m.,
Handsome Brown Pony Cob Gelding, thickly set, about 13.3, by Arden (imp.) from a mare imported from New Zealand, accustomed to town and trams, one of the best harness ponies in the State, and winner of many prizes.

VERY HANDSOME DK. CHES. COB.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Very Handsome Ches. Cob, Gelding, about 14 hands, up to 12st, thoroughly broken to saddle and har., very quiet, has been driven by a lady.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
TULIP, Bay Filly, 3 yrs., by Haut Boy (son of Haut Brion, imp.), from Bouquet.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
MYALBA, Ches. Mare, 14.1 Kens. cert., winner of 46 races; FEDERATION, Bay Gelding, 15 hd. Kens. cert.; FIELD GLASS, Brown Gelding, 15 hd. Kens. cert.; KING OLAF, Black Gelding, 15 hd. Kens. cert. Full particulars at sale.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their RAILWAY YARDS, 827 GEORGE-STREET, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 sharp,
On account of Messrs. McIntosh Bros., D. Buffier, and other Owners,
30 First-class MILCH COWS, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.

40 PEDIGREE JERSEY COWS AND HEIFERS.

INGLIS' RAILWAY SALEYARDS, 827 GEORGE-STREET, SYDNEY.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 3 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Messrs. A. E. SELMAN and BROS., WILLOWVALE, FERNTREE GULLY, VICTORIA, to sell by auction, as above.
40 Pedigree Cows and Heifers, including one extra good Cow with bull calf at foot.

THE ABOVE ARE DESCRIBED AS A VERY CHOICE LOT, WORTHY OF BUYERS' SPECIAL ATTENTION. NOW ON VIEW.

Also, after the above,
On account of OWNER,
AYRSHIRE BULL, YOUNG MARQUIS.
Calved November, 1903. Sire, Marquis of Ayrshire Park; Dam, Highland Lassie, etc., etc.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 2 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above.
On account of Mr. W. E. THOMPSON, St. Albans.
20 First-class Heavy and Medium Draught Horses, 3 to 6 years old, all in grand condition, mostly broken, and very stanch workers.
These are described as a specially good lot, and worthy of buyers' attention.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
BATO, Brown Gelding, 15 hands, by Churchill from Pansy, winner of several races.

TO TROTTING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. P. J. Ryan, jun., to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
ST. KILDA, well-known Trotting Horse, record 2.30, a perfect harness horse.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE.

1 HOUR'S JOURNEY BY TRAIN FROM SYDNEY,

SATURDAY NEXT, APRIL 28, AT 12 O'CLOCK.

1500 HEAD. 1500 HEAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell as above, when they will offer the following, viz.:—
230 Good Steers, from 9 to 18 months old.
70 Head, comprising 40 forward and backward Springers, and 30 very choice young Heifers to 18 months old. Amongst the lot are some purebred Jerseys and Shorthorns.
150 Very Choice Hand-reared Dairy Heifers, from the Camden district, all good colours, and direct from the owner's dairy herd, ranging from 6 to 18 months old.
185 Head, comprising 70 well-grown Steers, 2 to 5 years; 50 ditto ditto, 1 to 2 years; 50 extra choice Dairy Heifers; 10 Store Cows; 2 purebred Ayrshire Cows; and 3 purebred Ayrshire Bulls, 2 yearlings, the others 3 years old.
120 Head, comprising 80 Steers, 12 months to 2 years old; 40 Good Dairy Heifers, the same ages.
100 Exceptionally Good Dairy Heifers, from 15 months to 2½ years old, all good colours, and picked dairy sorts.
20 Newly Calved Cows.
20 Springing Cows and Heifers.
15 Fat Cattle, from local paddocks.
25 Bullocks, 2½ to 3 years old, in good condition, and all good colours.
140 Head, comprising 30 Steers 2½ to 4 years old; 60 Dairy Heifers 1 to 3 years old, all good sorts and colours; 40 Steers, 1½ to 2 years; and 10 Backward Springing Heifers.
16 Very Choice Springing Heifers.
81 Head, comprising 25 Store Cows, 35 Steers, 9 months to 1½ year, 1 large Bull, 20 really good young Heifers.
25 Cows, Heifers and Steers.
20 Local-bred Heifers and Steers, all by prize bulls.
20 Head, comprising 9 Steers, 18 months, 8 Heifers, 2½ years old, and 3 Springers (three weeks off calving).
33 Mixed Cattle, Steers, Heifers, and Store Cows.
31 Poddy Heifers and Steers.
200 Choice Dairy Heifers, about 18 months old, all reared in the Camden district, and from picked dairy herds, all good sorts and colours.

Train leaves Sydney at 10.15 a.m., returning at 3.42 and 5.47 p.m.

H. CHISHOLM AND CO.'S ANNUAL SALE OF YEARLINGS.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of £13 19s 6d on the 19th instant, and £6 12s on the 23rd instant, being amounts collected at the gates during the above sales.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Randwick.

QUEENSLAND HORSES.

DUBBO SALEYARDS.

SATURDAY, 28th APRIL, 1906.

JOSEPH LEEDS and CO., Sydney, will sell by auction, at the Municipal Saleyards, Dubbo, on the above date, at 11 a.m.,
80 Head, consisting principally of heavy draughts, Mares and Geldings, in splendid condition, the right ages, a number of which are broken in.
Farmers and others in search of horses suitable for farm work can attend this sale with every confidence.

MUNICIPAL YARDS, MOSS VALE,
FRIDAY, 27th APRIL, 1906, at 1.30 p.m. sharp.

J. D. WOOD AND CO. will sell by auction at above Yards on above date,
650 MIXED CATTLE, comprising—
150 Extra Choice Dairy Heifers from 2 to 3 years
50 Bullocks, 3 years
140 Steers from 2 to 3 years.
50 Store Cows
245 Young Mixed Cattle.
15 Springing Heifers.

SALES by Auction will be held THIS DAY by the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd.; John Bridge and Co., Ltd.; Dalgety and Co., Ltd.; Goldsbrough, Mort and Co., Ltd.; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.; Hill, Clark, and Co.; New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd.; Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.; Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—
At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place: HAIR, HORNS, etc., at 10 a.m.; TALLOW, at 2.30 p.m.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY will sell THIS DAY, at the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30, Hair, Horns, and Bones.
And at 2.30 o'clock, Tallow.

FRIDAY, 27th.—DAVOREN and CO. will sell by auction, Unredeemed Pledges, Carpenters' Tools, etc.

DRUMMOYNE.

AT FLOESMA, WOLSELEY-STREET TRAM STOP.

50 Yards from Front Gate of Residence.

THIS MORNING, AT ELEVEN SHARP.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE of the EXQUISITE AND VERY EXPENSIVE ENGLISH-MADE FURNITURE, including the really
MAGNIFICENT SOLID WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE of 12 Pieces, cost 200 Guineas.
GRAND SPANISH MAHOGANY AND WALNUT DINING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS.
EXQUISITE AND VERY COSTLY FURNISHINGS of Drawing-room, Entrance Hall, and the various Rooms and Offices of the Residence.

Everything is in beautiful preservation, and set forth more fully in yesterday's papers, and in a detailed Book Catalogue, obtainable at the Residence from Mr. Reynolds and our staff in charge.

Buyers Please Take Notice:—
THE LIBRARY OF BEAUTIFULLY BOUND BOOKS will be sold at 12 o'clock, and in the order as set forth in Catalogue.
THE MAGNIFICENT PICTURES in DINING AND DRAWING ROOMS will also be sold in order, as numbered.
Mr. Reynolds will hand letter of guarantee from Mr. Carse, held by him, to the Buyer of that Superb Painting, "The Macquarie Rivulet."
THE CONCERT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, by the world-famed firm of Bluthner, is certainly one of the best in this State, and will be sold Without Slightest Reserve. Dealers, Brokers, Connoisseurs, and buyers generally will kindly note this: The Vendor will be pleased to allow inspection at any time after 9 o'clock This Morning.
THE CARPENTER PIPE-TOP ORGAN is a really fine instrument, and will also be a small gold mine to a Trade Buyer. Must and will be sold.
BUYERS OF FIRST-CLASS FURNISHINGS are informed that every lot is for Absolute Sale, as Mr. Reynolds has let the residence, and is going to the Mountains for a lengthy change.

The Auctioneers beg to intimate that they would like every lot paid for and cleared this afternoon, if possible.

MESSRS. STRONGMAN AND WATSON, FURNITURE AND FINE ART AUCTIONEERS, Telephone, 200 Burwood.

To Residents Dulwich Hill District, Trade and Private Buyers, Brokers, etc.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE,

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m., at

HIGHLANDS, MARRICKVILLE-ROAD, DULWICH HILL. (Tram passes the residence every 4 minutes.)

The HANDSOME APPOINTMENTS and EFFECTS.

Drawing, Dining, and Bed Room Suites, lovely Curtains Carpets, Sideboard, Overmantels, Ornamental Lots Choice Cane Fancy Chairs, Dining Table Hall Furnishings, Floorcloths, Rugs Easy Chairs, and superior contents of 6 rooms. Also, complete Requisites of Outoffices.

FOR ABSOLUTE UNRESERVED SALE.
The Auctioneers may be permitted to draw special attention of the Musical World and any looking for a Middle-sized Piano to the
BEAUTIFUL INSTRUMENT by WAGNER, a name so well known and appreciated.
Mrs. JACOBS, our esteemed Client, assures us that she bought it new this present year.
Will Intending Purchasers please inspect early before sale To-morrow. We have instructions from Mrs. Jacobs to sell by public auction every lot, and invite attendance Trade and Private Buyers. Terms strictly cash before delivery.

MESSRS. STRONGMAN AND WATSON, FURNITURE and FINE-ART AUCTIONEERS. Offices and Salerooms at Burwood.

SALVAGE. SALVAGE.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1906, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

FOR POSITIVE UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,

AT THE MART, 284 GEORGE-STREET,

under instructions from Messrs. J. M. ROOKE and MACKAY WOODRUFF, FIRE ADJUSTERS.

SALVAGE,

REMOVED FROM THE SCENE OF THE LATE FIRE AT MESSRS. GIBBS, BRIGHT, and COMPANY'S BUILDINGS.

WITH ALL FAULTS.

13 POCKETS KENT HOPS.
4 BALES TASMANIAN HOPS.
48 PACKAGES CEYLON and CHINA TEAS.
WALNUT OVERMANTELS, with bevelled plates.
BRASS and NICKEL ELECTROLIERS and BRACKETS.
BRASS PEDESTAL LAMPS, UPHOLSTERED CHAIRS.

LARGE ASSORTMENT OF FIRST QUALITY SHEFFIELD ELECTROPLATE and CUTLERY.

PANAMA HATS.
MEN'S, BOYS', and WOMEN'S FELT and STRAW HATS.
MEN'S HABERDASHERY, etc.

S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY have been instructed by MESSRS. J. M. ROOKE and MACKAY WOODRUFF, Fire Adjusters, to SELL the above WITHOUT RESERVE, at THE MART, 284 GEORGE-STREET, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 27th APRIL, at 11 o'clock.

STANMORE

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, under instructions from

J. NORRIE, ESQ.,

at his residence, NELSON, TRAFALGAR-STREET, STANMORE (one minute from station).
The Whole of his SUPERIOR MODERN FURNITURE comprising—
GLASS CHINA and ELECTROPLATE
DINNER SERVICE, TEA and BREAKFAST SET
Stained SIDEBOARD, of Superior Finish and Design
OAK DINING CHAIRS and Extension Table
Superior LINOLEUM, CARPETS, RUGS
ELEGANT HALL STAND
Brussels Stair Carpet, Brass Rods, Pictures

ELEGANT DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE.
Settee Gossip, and Occasional Chairs, Chippendale Tables, Fcy. Cane, Bamboo, Lounge Chairs, and Tables.

SUPERIOR BEDROOM SUITES.
4ft Wardrobes, 4ft Combination Chests, Marble-top and Mirror Back Washstand, Chests Drawers, Duchess Tables.

SUPERIOR DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDSTEADS, with Bedding, Blankets, Sheets, complete.

Kitchen, Furniture, Laundry, and Cooking Utensils.

WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

MESSRS. H. AND A. LAWSON, AUCTIONEERS, 330 GEORGE-STREET (only), have received instructions from J. NORRIE, Esq., to conduct the IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE by auction as above.

TELEPHONE, 1367.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. AT KELSON'S CENTRAL SALEROOMS, 115 BATHURST-STREET.
IMPORTANT SALE OF FURNITURE.
Din. and Draw. Rm. Suites, A. C. 7-pce. Din. Suite Stained Extens. and Pine-top Din. Tables, var. sizes Massive 5ft Sideboards, 4ft Sideboards, Hall Stands Magnificent Upright Concert GRAND PIANO Pictures, Lace Curtains, A1 Linoleums, 6 Carpets Several first-class 3-pce. Bedroom Suites, Wardrobes Toilet Pairs, M.T. Washstands, Sets Ware, Chairs Brass-mtd. 4ft 6in and Single Bedsteads, Wires, etc. Quantity Bed Linen, Table Linen, Vases, Ornaments, Kitchen Dressers, Tables, Dinner and Tea Services, Kit. Utensils, Gas Stove, Mangle, etc., etc.

VINCENT H. KELSON, Auctioneer, will sell on account of owners, as above.

ASHFIELD—CROYDON.
15 GEORGE'S RIVER-ROAD,
FRIDAY, APRIL 27, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

A. F. THOMPSON will sell by auction, Without Reserve, on the Premises, under instructions from Mr. R. BULLOCK, 15 George's River-road, Croydon, who is relinquishing business, the Goodwill, Cattle, Horse, Cart, etc., of a Dairy Business, with a run of 50 quarts. The whole will be offered in one lot, and, failing a satisfactory offer, will be sold in lots.
Auctioneers' Office: 27 Rofe-chambers, 60 Castlereagh-street. Tel., 3239.

THIS DAY, 11 o'clock, 276 Cleveland-street, city.
Compulsory Unreserved Sale of the STOCK-IN-TRADE of a HAIRDRESSING SALOON.
2 Barbers' Chairs, 4 Mirrors.
GENERAL UTENSILS FURNITURE, and EFFECTS.

L. PHILLIPS, Auctioneer, will sell the above.
Terms, Cash. No Reserve.

NEWMARKET SALEYARDS, ST. MARYS.

We will hold our next Sale at the above Yards on SATURDAY, May 5, having already booked a number of cattle for that date. Owners who intend favouring us with the sale of their stock will oblige by forwarding particulars at once.

WEAVER AND PERRY, 164 Pitt-street, Sydney.

NEWMARKET SALEYARDS, ST. MARYS.

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1906.

800 VERY CHOICE DAIRY HEIFERS, 2 TO 2½ YEARS OLD.

WEAVER and PERRY will sell by auction, on FRIDAY, May 18, at their Newmarket Saleyards, St. Marys, at 12.30 p.m. sharp,
800 Superior Dairy Heifers, mostly roans and reds, all thoroughly inoculated, and in calf to choice milking strain Shorthorn Bulls.
These heifers were carefully selected from the noted Dairy Farms around Wangaratta, Victoria, and they will be found the best lot of real dairy heifers ever offered at St. Marys.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 26th APRIL, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

Under instructions from

JOHN SAMUEL, ESQ.,

in consequence of his departure for England per R.M.S. "India."

THE MAGNIFICENT ENGLISH FURNITURE, RECHERCHE and COSTLY APPOINTMENTS, of his residence, "TEMA," BELMORE-ROAD, RANDWICK.

Per RANDWICK and COOGEE TRAM, alighting at DUDLEY-STREET stopping place.

Full particulars of THESE VERY VALUABLE EFFECTS will be found in CATALOGUES to be obtained at the residence.

ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, FINE ART and GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

TELEPHONE, 2056.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.

27th APRIL, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, at THE COMMODIOUS ROOMS of

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,

128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET,

Under instructions from THE EXECUTORS and SOLICITORS IN A DECEASED ESTATE.

THE FURNITURE OF A LARGE RESIDENCE

AT MANLY,

Removed to the Rooms for convenience of sale.

Including
TABLE GLASS AND FINE CHINA,
LARGE DOULTON PORCELAIN DINNER SERVICE, of about 100 pieces.
ROYAL WORCESTER CHINA DESSERT SERVICE, MINTON CHINA BREAKFAST AND TEA SERVICE, about 82 pieces.

ELECTROPLATE, FIRST QUALITY.

SPANISH MAHOGANY DINING-ROOM FURNITURE.

LARGE CHESTERFIELD COUCH, UPHOLSTERED IN MOROCCO LEATHER.

SOLID WALNUT THREE-TIER DINNER WAGGON, with two Drawers.
SIX WALNUT DINING CHAIRS, upholstered in Morocco Leather.

WILTON PILE and BRUSSELS CARPETS.

VERY ELEGANT DRAWING-ROOM OVERMANTEL, in gilt frame, with bevelled edged Mirrors and side galleries.
DOUBLE OTTOMAN SETTEE, with movable back, upholstered in Genoa Velvet.
FLORENTINE MOSAIC TABLES.
RECEPTION AND OCCASIONAL CHAIRS.

WALNUT UPRIGHT PIANOFORTE,

by SCHIEDMAYER,
A high-grade instrument in very excellent order.

VENETIAN CARVED FIGURES of Nubians with Tops for Flower pots.

LIBRARY FURNITURE.

TELESCOPE, WITH TRIPOD, by MacDonald and Co., in Case.

SOLID WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE,

A VERY MASSIVE and MOST COMMODIOUS SUITE FOR DOUBLE BEDROOM of the best English Manufacture.

SUPERIOR FURNITURE AND EFFECTS for SIX BEDROOMS AND DRESSING-ROOMS,
LARGE POLISHED CEDAR WARDROBE, with Sliding Trays and Drawers, extra well finished.
VERY SUPERIOR CHESTS OF DRAWERS.
BLACK AND BRASS HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS, for Double and Single Rooms, furnished with Woven Wire Mattresses, Horsehair Mattresses, and best Bedding complete.

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY FURNITURE. CABINET, ICE CHEST, Etc., Etc., Etc.

Also, IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE A. B. PORTUS, Esq., VALUABLE PERSONAL JEWELLERY.

ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, FINE ART AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, near King-street, have been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, as above.

TELEPHONE, 2056.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 26, at the CITY MART, 8 SPRING-STREET, at 12 a.m. sharp.

Under instructions from the importers, Messrs. PARBURY, HENTY, and CO.

940 Packages CEYLON and INDIAN TEAS,

Ex late arrivals.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. have received instructions to sell by auction the above.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE of
DIAMOND JEWELLERY, WATCHES, Etc, and O.F. GOLD and SILVER KEYLESS CHRONOGRAPHS.
LADIES' and GENTS.'S GOLD and SILVER LEVER and WALTHAM WATCHES.
SINGLE-STONE, HALF-HOOP, and CLUSTER DIAMOND RINGS.
Gold Alberts, Necklets, Links, and Solitaires.
Diamond Bracelets, Brooches, Earrings, Studs, Lockets, Pins, etc.
Dress, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings.

JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from Mr. J. DAVIS, of the Cambridge Loan, 26 Park-street, to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, the whole of the Unredeemed Jewellery, as above.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street,
THE UNREDEEMED CLOTHING pledged with the North Shore Mont de Piete, Mount-st, North Sydney, comprising,
CLOTHING, BOOTS, BLANKETS, etc.

NORTH SYDNEY.

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CLARKE and SOLOMONS, Auctioneers, Walker and Blue streets, North Sydney (Tel., 6 N.S.), have been instructed to sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE.

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On the Premises,
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HYAM HAINS has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, as above,
MAGNIFICENT SIDEBOARD, size 9ft.
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HENRY LEVY has received instructions to sell by auction, at 351 Cleveland-street, at Avery's Platform Scales, Springvan, set Harness, Comb. Chest Drawers, Surplus Furniture; also large quantity of New and Second-hand Clothing, Boots, Crockery, Sundries. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 3 o'clock.

MIDDLETON and CO. are instructed to sell by auction, at No. 170 George-street West, large Brussels Carpet, Hall and Umbrella Stands, Canopy-top Sideboard, Heavy 5ft Bedstead and Bedding, Beaconsfield Wardrobe and Combination Chests, Cedar and Pine Dining Tables, Elm Chairs, handsome Suite, Washstands, Enclosed Dresser, etc. No Reserve. (Near Shepherd-street.) Furniture Bought and Sold on Commission.

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SHARES.—Civil Service Co-operative Society.
PYRMONT.—House, No. 85 Harris-street, between Union and John streets. FREEHOLD.
REDFERN.—The Australian Eleven Hotel, Elizabeth and Kettle streets. Leasehold. Executors' Sale.
DITTO.—Premises, Elizabeth-street, adjoining above. Leasehold. Executors' Sale.
FOREST LODGE.—Two Cottages, Nos. 13 and 15 Ross-street, between Parramatta-road and St. John's road. Executors' Sale.
DITTO.—Shop and Dwelling, No. 21 Lodge-street, between Town Hall and Catherine-street. Executors' Sale.
GLEBE.—Dwelling, No. 13 Bridge-road.
DITTO.—Dwelling, No. 15 Bridge-road.
PADDINGTON.—Residence, "Eden," No. 9 Duxford-street, near Glenmore-road. In one or two lots.
KILLARA.—The Green Gate Hotel, Gordon-road.
DITTO.—Residence, Gordon-road and Green Gate road.
DITTO.—Allotments, Gordon-road and Green Gate-road. Green Gate Estate. Lithos.
ARTARMON.—Lot, Gordon-road and road leading to Artarmon Station.
BALMAIN.—Allotment, Darling-street, between Town Hall and Elliott-street.
KOGARAH.—Residence, "Sunnyside," and 2 acres, Kogarah-road.
CARLTON.—House, "Carlton House," and Land, Carlton Parade and High-street. In one or two lots.
ST. MARYS.—Erskine Park, 304 ac. 1r. 38p., Mamre-road, with Cottage and other improvements thereon.
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COOGEE.—Corner Lot, Garnet and Rainbow streets, Coogee Park Estate.
ABBOTSFORD.—Shop and Cottage, and Business, North-road and Fitzroy-street.
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TWENTY ACRES OF LAND, at Plumpton, Rooty Hill, under Torrens Title, with Brick House erected thereon, containing drawing-room, dining-room, six bedrooms, with fixed wardrobes in three bedrooms, one plate-glass mirror, kitchen with good range, scullery, two pantries with shelves and cupboards, bathroom with enamel bath (plunge and shower), linen presses, laundry with fixed tubs and large copper, two storerooms, good supply of water. House has verandahs all round. Possession can be given in due course.

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In the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Sheriff's Office, Sydney, April 23, 1906.
A. T. KEIRLE v MULRONEY, M.

ON THURSDAY, the 26th day of April, 1906, at noon, unless the Writ of Fieri Facias herein be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold by Public Auction, at the Manly Carrying Company's Yard, Eustace-street, Manly,
1 Brown Draught Horse
1 Tip Dray.

TERMS CASH.

C. E. B. MAYBURY, Sheriff.
MINTER, SIMPSON, and CO., Plaintiff's Attorneys, Sydney.

LEICHHARDT LAND SALE NEXT SATURDAY, at 3.30 p.m., DRAYTON ESTATE, opposite New Fire Station. Torrens Title. Liberal terms. Plans, ERNEST C. V. BROUGHTON, 112 Pitt-street.

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The highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

JOHN CLUBB, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Waverley, 25th April, 1906.

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TENDERS are invited for the undernoted assets in the above Estate, and will be received at my office until NOON on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd MAY, 1906:—
STOCK-IN-TRADE AND PLANT.

General Drapery	£296	17	1	
Boots and Shoes	74	17	4	
	£371	14	5	
Groceries and Produce	225	7	10	
Ironmongery and Crockeryware	146	17	3	
Stationery and Patent Medicines	76	8	0	
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The stock has been taken by my agent, Mr. Williams, and is well assorted and in good condition. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone about to start in business to acquire a concern in the midst of the Fruitgrowing Districts, which has been and can again be made a well-paying investment, more especially as this district is looked upon as particularly sound. The Premises are well adapted to the trade, and are situated very close to the railway station. The Plant, although somewhat large in comparison to the stock, is yet, of good value, inasmuch as it comprises 5 horses, 7 carts, furniture in men's rooms, etc., etc.
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ALBERT BORCHARD, F.S.I.A., Incorporated Accountant, Equitable Building, George-street.
Sydney, 25th April, 1906.

CONTRACTS taken clearing Houses of White Ants, other Vermin. A'tralian Terror Co., 117 B'hurst-st.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY.—The Council is prepared to receive Tenders for the Supply and Erection of: A—Boilers, Automatic Stokers, Pipe Work, etc. B—Turbo-Alternator, Substation Machinery, Switchboards, etc. Specifications, plans, and form of tender may be obtained on application to the City Electrical Engineer's Office, Town Hall, Sydney, on and after this date. A deposit of five guineas will be required on application, which will be refunded on receipt of a bona-fide tender as directed, and a cash deposit or marked cheque for the sum of £1000 will be required when the tender is sent in. Sealed tenders, endorsed "Tender for Electric Lighting Plant," are to be addressed to the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Sydney, and must be delivered at the Town Hall on or before 4 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, 21st May, 1906. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk. Town Clerk's Office, 25th April, 1906.

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TENDERS, Floor-layers wanted. New villa, Hampden-avenue, Neutral Bay.

TENDERS for Slating 2 Cottages, lab. and mat. P. A. M'Gee, Frampton-av., Marrickville, near post-office.

TENDERS required, Licensed Plumber, labour only. King's Head Hotel, Park and Elizabeth sts.

TENDERS wanted, Roof, Tiling, small Cottage, labour and material. Apply 218 Miller-st, N. Syd.

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TENDER for Brick Laying, labour only. 20 Grose-st, Glebe.

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FENWICK'S CAREER.

BY MRS. HUMPHRY WARD

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CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

He wrote a receipt, and handed it to Fenwick.

"Good day," said Fenwick, turning to go.

The other followed him, and as they stepped out into the exhibition-rooms of the shop, hung in dark purple, Fenwick perceived in the distance what looked like a fine Corot, and a Daubigny—and paused.

"Got some good things since I was here last?"

"Oh, we're always getting good things," said his companion, carelessly, without the smallest motion towards the pictures.

Fenwick nodded haughtily, and walked towards the door. But his soul smarted within him. Two years before, the owners of any picture shop in London would have received him with empressement, have shown him all they had to show, and taken flattering note of his opinion.

On the threshold he ran against the Academician with the orange hair and beard, who had been his fellow-guest at the Findons' on the night of his first dinner party there. The orange hair was now nearly white; its owner had grown to rotundity; but the sharp, glancing eyes and pompous manner were the same as of old. Mr. Sherratt nodded curtly to Fenwick, and was then received with bows and effusion by the junior partner standing behind.

"Ah, Mr. Sherratt—delighted to see you. Come to look at the Corot? By all means. This way, please."

Fenwick pursued his course to Oxford-street in a morbid self-consciousness. It seemed to him that all the world knew him by now for a failure, and a bankrupt; that he was stared and pointed at.

He took refuge from this nightmare in an Oxford-street restaurant, and as he eat his midday chop he asked himself, for the hundredth time, how the deuce it was that he had got into the debts which weighed him down. He had been extravagant on the building and furnishing of his house—but after all he had earned large sums of money. He sat gloomily over his meal—frowning—and trying to remember. And once, amid the foggy darkness, there opened a vision of a Westmoreland stream, and a pleading face upturned to his in the moonlight—"And then, you know, I could look after your money. You're dreadfully bad about money, John."

The echo of that voice in his ears made him restless. He rose and set forth again towards Fitzroy-square.

On the way his thoughts recurred to the letter he had found waiting for him at the lawyer's. It came from Phoebe's cousin, Freddy Tolson. Messrs. Butlin had traced this man anew—to a mining town in New South Wales. He had been asked to come to England and testify—no matter at what expense. In the letter just received, bearing witness in its improved writing and spelling to the prosperous development of the writer, he declined to come, repeating that he knew nothing whatever of his cousin Phoebe's whereabouts, nor of her reasons for leaving her husband. He gave a fresh and longer account of his conversation with her, as far as he could remember it at this distance of time; and this longer account contained the remark that she had asked him questions about other colonies than Australia to which he was himself bound. He thought Canada had been mentioned—the length of the passage there and its cost. He hadn't paid much attention to it at the time. It had seemed to him that she was glad, poor thing, of someone to have a "crack" with—"for I guess she'd been pretty lonesome up there." But she might have had something in her head—he couldn't say. All he could declare was that if she were in Canada, or any other of the colonies, he had had no hand in it, and knew no more than a "born baby" where she might have been hidden.

So now, on this vague hint, a number of fresh inquiries were to be set on foot. Fenwick hoped nothing from them. Yet as he walked fast through the London streets, from which the fog was lifting, his mind wrestled with vague images of great lakes and virgin forests and rolling wheat lands—of the streets of Montreal or the heights of Quebec—and amongst them, now with one background, now with another, the slender figure of a fair-haired woman with a child beside her. And through his thoughts, furies of distress and fear pursued him—now as always.

"Well, this is a queer go, isn't it?" said Watson, in a half-whispering voice. "Nature has horrid ways of killing you. I wish she'd chosen a more expeditious one with me."

Fenwick sat down beside his friend, the lamplight in the old panelled room revealing, against his will, his perturbed and shaken expression.

"How did this come on?" he asked.

"Of itself, my dear fellow,"—laughed Watson in the same hoarse whisper.—"My right lung has been getting rotten for a year past, and at Marseilles it happened to break. That's my explanation anyway—and it does as well as the doctor's—Well, how are you?"

Fenwick shifted uneasily, and made a vague answer. Watson turned to look at him.

"What pictures have you on hand?"

Fenwick gave a list of the completed pictures still in his studio, and described the arrangements made to exhibit them. He was not as ready as usual to speak of himself; his gaze and his attention were fixed upon his friend. But Watson probed further, into the subjects of his recent work. Fenwick was nearing the end, he explained, of a series of rustic "Months" with their appropriate occupations,—an idea which had haunted his mind for years.

"As old as the hills," said Watson, "but none the worse for that. You've painted them, I suppose, out of doors?"

Fenwick shrugged his shoulders.

"As much as possible."

"Ah, that's where those French fellows have us," said Watson, languidly. "One of them said to me in Paris the other day, 'It's bad enough to paint the things you've seen—it's the devil to paint the things you've not seen.'"

"The usual fallacy," said Fenwick, firing up. "What do you mean by 'seen.'"

He would have liked this time to go off at score. But a sure instinct told him he was beside a dying man; and he held himself back, trying instead to remember what small news and gossip he could, for the amusement of his friend.

Watson sat in a deep arm-chair, propped up by pillows. The room in which they met had been a very distinguished room in the eighteenth century. It had still some remains of carved panelling, a graceful mantelpiece of Italian design, and a painted ceiling half effaced. It was now part of a lodging-house, furnished with shabby cheapness; but the beauty, once infused, persisted, and it made no unworthy setting for a painter's death.

The signs of desperate illness in Richard Watson were indeed plainly visible. His shaggy hair and thick, unkempt beard brought into relief the waxen or purple tones of the skin. The breath was laboured, and the cough frequent. But the eyes were still warm, living, and passionate, the eyes of a Celt, with the Celtic gifts, and those deficiencies, also, of his race, broadly and permanently expressed in the words of a great historian—"The Celts have shaken all States, and founded none!" No founder, no achiever, this—no happy, harmonious soul—but a man who had vibrated to life and nature, in their subtler and sadder aspects, through whom the nobler thoughts and ambitions had passed, like sound through strings, wringing out some fine tragic notes, some memorable tones. "I can't last more than a week or two," he said presently, in a pause of Fenwick's talk, to which he had hardly listened—"and a good job, too. But I don't find myself at all rebellious. I'm curiously content to go. I've had a good time."

This from a man who had passed from one disappointed hope to another brought the tears to Fenwick's eyes.

"Some of us may wish we were going with you," he said in a low voice, laying his hand a moment on his friend's knee.

Watson made no immediate reply. He coughed—fidgeted—and at last said—

"How's the money?"

Fenwick hastily drew himself up. "All right."

He reached out a hand to the tongs and put the fire together.

"Is that so?" said Watson. The slight incredulity in his voice touched some raw nerve in Fenwick.

"I dont' want anything," he said, almost angrily. "I shall get through."

Cuningham had been talking, no doubt. His affairs had been discussed. His morbid pride took offence at once.

"Mine'll just hold out," said Watson, presently, with a humorous inflection—"it'll bury me, I think—with a few shillings over. But I couldn't have afforded another year."

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"An Elderly Romance," by Laura Bogue Luffman, and "The Complaynte of Babs," by Robert Kaleski, are on the Australian Short Story Page; while the young folks are catered for in "Pearls and Poverty," by Jennie Grahame Dane.—Advt.

CARE OF CONSUMPTIVES.

QUEEN VICTORIA HOMES.

A GOOD YEAR'S WORK.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the Queen Victoria Homes for Consumptives Fund was held in the vestibule of the Town Hall yesterday afternoon. The State Governor, Sir Harry Rawson, presided.

The adoption of the report and balance-sheet was moved by Senator Gould. He said that the old ground for complaint about there not being any accommodation for women had been removed by the setting apart of the Thirlmere Home for the exclusive treatment of female cases. The number of patients treated during the year was 210. The revenue had been about £3610, and £390 had been brought forward from last year. Practically the receipts and expenditure had been equalled. The capital fund had been reduced by several thousands of pounds, but their assets had been increased, upwards of £2000 having been spent on the Wentworth Falls property, and £3000 on Thirlmere. Senator Gould went on to refer to the appalling number of deaths that took place annually from consumption, though statistics showed that the percentage was happily decreasing, and he urged renewed efforts to push forward such a work as that represented by the homes. At the same time he protested against the Government's inactivity in the matter of dealing with advanced cases of consumption.

Sir Phillip Sydney Jones, in seconding the motion, emphasised the importance of the early treatment of the disease. There had been dissatisfaction expressed at the committee not taking in advanced cases, but their work was limited by their means, and they felt they were doing far more good to the community in paying primary attention to the early cases.

Mr. Frank Grimley moved: "That the cordial thanks of the meeting be tendered to the Government and Legislature for the aid given to the fund." He said he did this in a spirit of thankfulness for small mercies. During the past three years 477 patients had been treated at a cost of £23 per head, a total of about £11,000. That was for maintenance alone, for besides this £10,000 had been spent at Wentworth Falls and £6000 at Thirlmere. The Government had said they believed in helping those who helped themselves. Well, here was about £28,000 of self-help, and the Government had only given £300, apart from their statutory obligations.

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. Cullen Ward and carried.

The following office-bearers were elected:—Patrons, Earl of Carrington, Viscount Hampden, and the Chief Justice of New South Wales; president, Viscountess Hampden; vice-presidents, Lady Darley, the Lord Mayor of Sydney, and Mr. J. H. Goodlet; trustees, Sir Phillip Sydney Jones, Sir James Fairfax, Mr. T. A. Dibbs; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Cullen Ward; hon. sec., Mr. H. A. James; executive committee, Mrs. Hugh Dixson, Mr. J. H. Goodlet, Sir Phillip Sydney Jones, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Cousett Stephen, Captain Murray, Miss Dibbs, Mrs. J. H. Goodlet, Mrs. R. B. Trindall, Miss Richards, Mrs. George Rennie, Lady Harris, Miss Fairfax, Miss Margaret Harris, Mr. Frank Grimley, Dr. Camac Wilkinson, Mr. Richard Stanton, Mr. E. S. Vautin; hon. auditors, Messrs. Troup, Ross, and Harwood.

Sir James Fairfax proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Harry Rawson, and in doing so referred to the keen interest his Excellency had always evinced in institutions which aimed at helping the afflicted, or at advancing the interests of the community in any way. The motion, which was seconded by Mr. J. H. Goodlet, was carried by acclamation.

Sir Harry Rawson, in course of his reply, expressed gratification at the work done during the year. Speaking of the help the homes had received from outside, he pointed out that three beds had been permanently endowed by Lady Cooper, Mrs. George Harris, and Mr. T. A. Dibbs, while beds had been supported by people of Strathfield, Homebush, Randwick, Woollahra, Goulburn, Manly, and Burwood. He trusted that the example of these suburbs would be followed by others. (Cheers.) The open-air chalets had been found admirably adapted for the treatment of patients, and he gladly noticed that during the year additional chalets had been contributed by Mrs. E. Playfair, the residents of Katoomba, and the residents of Parramatta. Sir Harry also made complimentary reference to the work of Messrs. H. A. James and Denison Miller, who organised a successful horticultural fete on behalf of the homes. A gratifying consideration, he said further, was the interest taken by the ladies in the institution. The Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Allen Taylor) had started a fund to defray the cost of alterations and additions at Thirlmere, and a substantial amount was already in hand. The Lady Mayoress, as well as the other ladies who had helped in various ways, deserved their fullest gratitude. (Cheers.) The thanks of the subscribers were also due to Sir James Fairfax, Mr. J. H. Goodlet, Mr. H. S. Levy, and Dr. Cecil Purser, and others, for their efforts on behalf of the institution. He thought that when the work of the homes was better known by the public they would have larger subscriptions, and they would be able to do correspondingly increased good work. He trusted that at the end of 1906 the committee would be able to give a report of a thoroughly successful and prosperous year. (Cheers.)

WINDSOR AND RICHMOND.

SOME OLD-TIME FACTS.

At the monthly meeting of the Australian Historical Society on Wednesday evening, presided over by Archdeacon Gunther, a paper by Miss G. Hendy-Pooley was read dealing with the early history of Windsor and Richmond. The paper, which opened with reference to the early foundation of the settlement by Major Cross in 1794, bristled with interesting facts. Inter alia it was pointed out that the Hawkesbury district was discovered by Governor Phillip in June, 1789, and he named "Richmond Hill" and the Hawkesbury River, the latter in honour of Charles Jenkinson, Baron Hawkesbury. The native name of the river was Doorubbin. The making of roads to the settlements was ordered by Governor Hunter in 1797, and in 1810 Governor Macquarie established tolls for maintaining the roads of the colony. A hospital was not established in the district till after 1809, and in 1798 a convict performed the duties of surgeon in general in the district. Governor Macquarie had the Benevolent Asylum and Court-house erected at Windsor. The first coach of which there was a record was run by William Roberts every three weeks from January 19, 1805. The first ship to sail up the Hawkesbury was the "Competitor," which went 30 miles beyond Broken Bay in January, 1824. The first steamer to go up was the "William IV." on January 21, 1832, and the first vessel built on the Hawkesbury was the "Nancy," launched in 1803, while the first vessel to trade to and from the river was the brig "Norfolk." The first sod of the Windsor and Richmond railway was turned in Mr. Hale's paddock adjoining the market square, Windsor, by Mr. W. Arnold. The line was opened officially on November 29, 1866, and to the public on December 1 of that year. The oldest hotel in Richmond was the Black Horse, now known as "Honeyman Cottage," and it was to-day the longest-licensed hotel in Australia. The oldest hotel in Windsor was the "Royal" formerly the residence of the Fitzgerald family.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Municipal Association of New South Wales was held yesterday. There were present Messrs. J. F. Smith, M.L.A., in the chair, J. Wheeler, W. Stephen, N. C. Neal, J. A. I. Perry, F. C. Petrie, E. Campbell, J. J. Griffin, T. Henley, M.L.A., and J. H. F. Waller.

A letter was received from the Wallsend Council asking for legal opinion as to the validity of the recent Mayoral election. The retiring Mayor had adjourned the meeting, but a quorum of the council remained and proceeded with the election. It was resolved that the council be informed that the association adhered to its former opinion, that if the Mayor chose to leave the meeting the council was still entitled to continue. The matter was too clear to require legal opinion.

The Hamilton Council asked if a ratepayer, after purchase, could fence off any street, such street, having been laid out, but not dedicated to the council for the use of the public. It was resolved that the council be informed that as the street was not dedicated, it was not competent for the council to interfere.

The Armidale Council submitted a request for legal opinion as to the validity of a bylaw providing that no person shall have a water tap in a yard or garden unless a meter is provided. It was resolved that legal opinion be obtained on the question.

The Uralla Council asked if they could prevent a Government road contractor from taking gravel from a reserve, of which the council were temporary trustees. It was resolved that the council be advised that they had no such power.

The Moss Vale Council submitted a question as to the right to compel property-owners along the banks of a creek to keep the creek clear of silt and weeds, and also to compel one of them who had built a weir to remove the same. It was resolved that the council be informed that property-owners had no right to block the stream; that the council had no power to compel them to contribute, but could take steps to keep the stream clear of obstructions.

On the motion of Mr. J. H. F. Waller, it was resolved that the association afford, through the secretary, Mr. F. A. Morgan, every advice and assistance to shires in the way of information regarding the Shires Act.

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LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring.)

APPEAL UNDER THE LIQUOR ACT.

A LICENSEE'S LIABILITY.

Re Alfred Broadhead (W. Schuarer and another, respondents.)

Mr. L. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. B. A. M'Bride (agent for Mr. A. A. Lysaght, of Wollongong), appeared for the appellant, Alfred Broadhead, licensee of the Scarborough Hotel, Scarborough, within the Wollongong licensing district, in support of an appeal against his conviction; Mr. A. Thomson, instructed by Mr. J. V. Tillett (Crown Solicitor), appeared for Senior-Constable Schuarer, in support of the conviction. It appeared that Broadhead was charged under section 63 of the Liquor Act, of 1898, with having on December 24 last, after the hours of closing, permitted liquor to be consumed on his licensed premises, by persons therein who were not travellers, nor bona fide lodgers, nor inmates drinking such liquor at a part other than the bar of the hotel. The case was heard before Mr. H. J. Chisholm, P.M., on April 4 last, and the evidence for the prosecution went to show that the offence of selling liquor had been committed, but it was proved that on the occasion in question the licensee was ill in bed, and his wife had control of the hotel. Mrs. Broadhead gave to William Lindsay, her son, by a former husband, and who worked at the South Clifton Colliery, the keys of the bar, in order that he might clean out that part of the hotel, and told him not under any consideration to serve anyone. She then went upstairs to attend to her husband, and heard from the police afterwards that Lindsay had disobeyed her instructions. Mr. Lysaght, who appeared for Broadhead, applied for the dismissal of the information on the grounds that the licensee did not know that liquor was being sold, and had previously prohibited any such sale; that Lindsay was not a servant or agent of the licensee, and had no authority to sell. The magistrate, however, found the case proved, and fined defendant £5, with costs. Broadhead now appealed on the grounds already stated, but it was contended by Mr. Thomson, in support of the conviction, that if the wife of the licensee, acting as his representative for the time being, gave control of the bar to another person, and he committed a breach of the Act, while the wife remained in charge of the hotel, the licensee was liable no matter for what purpose the key of the bar was handed over. Mr. Thomson further submitted that the magistrate was justified in inferring that liquor was sold in the bar with the connivance of the licensee. Various authorities were cited on both sides.

His Honor said he was of opinion that the rule nisi for a prohibition must be made absolute. Appellant was charged with permitting liquor to be sold on his licensed premises after the proper time for closing. There was no doubt that liquor was sold, but the licensee was rather seriously ill, and in bed at the time. He had been so on the previous day, and knew nothing about the sale of liquor after hours. It was further proved that Lindsay was not a regular employee at the hotel, but worked at the South Clifton mine, and was requested to clean out the bar, but with explicit instructions not to serve beer to anyone. There was no evidence that he was in charge of the hotel for the licensee any more than the cook or housemaid. He (his Honor) was bound to see that licensees were not unduly harassed when everything had been done by them to prevent the illegal sale of liquor, and he thought it would be a monstrous case to hold the licensee here liable. As, however, the police were justified in their action he would allow no costs.

Rule absolute for a prohibition without costs.

A CASE UNDER THE EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT.

THE LIABILITY OF THE CROWN.

Re Charles Wiberg.

Mr. L. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. B. A. M'Bride (agent for Mr. A. A. Lysaght, of Wollongong), appeared for applicant, Wiberg, and moved for leave to proceed against the Crown, notwithstanding that notice within six weeks after the accident of the injury complained of had not been served upon the Crown. Dr. Brissenden, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for J. S. Williams, the nominal defendant, and opposed the application on the ground that the Crown did not come within the Act. The action was one in which plaintiff claimed compensation for injuries sustained by him while working at a crane at a quarry at Port Kembla.

His Honor dismissed the application, and said that Mr. Armstrong had been driven to rely upon the contention that because the term "employer" in the Act was defined as including a corporation sole it included the Crown. The strongest argument against his contention was that although the original Employers' Liability Act was passed in 1886 there had been no attempt to bring actions against the Crown.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson.)

SADLEIR v SADLEIR.

Mr. Tighe, instructed by Mr. H. O. Marshall, appeared for the petitioner in this suit, which was partly heard on the 22nd March, and after further evidence had been elicited, his Honor granted a decree nisi, and made it returnable in four months.

BOURKE v BOURKE.

This was a suit in which Emily Bourke sued for a dissolution of her marriage with Andrew Bourke, on the grounds of cruelty, habitual drunkenness, and desertion. His Honor directed the case to stand over generally, as he was not satisfied that due notice of the trial had been given to respondent.

PLOWRIGHT v PLOWRIGHT.

Mr. F. J. Tanner appeared for the petitioner, Catherine Priscilla Plowright, who sued for the dissolution of her marriage with Preston Lewis Plowright, on the grounds of adultery and cruelty. The latter issue was, however, abandoned. Mr. Boyce (instructed by Mr. J. W. Maund) appeared for the respondent, in whose behalf cross issues had been filed of alleged adultery, condonation of respondent's adultery (if any), wilful separation by petitioner before the alleged adultery by respondent, and wilful neglect, or misconduct conducing to the adultery (if any). The parties were married at St. Peters in 1891.

The case stands part heard.

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before the President, Judge Heydon, and the members, Messrs. Wright and Riley.)

NEWCASTLE WHARF LABOURERS.

A QUESTION OF JURISDICTION.

In the dispute between the Newcastle Wharf Labourers' Union (claimant) and Messrs. Hudson, Livingstone, and West (respondents), Mr. Croft applied to have a date fixed for the hearing. The application was for an award in the terms of the claim, the respondents having failed to file an answer. According to the affidavits the resolution of reference passed by the union, together with other documents, had been served on Albert Wm. Hudson, the senior partner. One of the other documents was a memorandum by the Registrar requiring the respondents to file an answer. No answer had been filed. The majority of stevedores in Newcastle were in favour of conditions similar to those of the award in dispute between the Sydney Wharf Labourers' Union and the Sydney Stevedores' Association, of December, 1902, and December, 1903, and those were the conditions now claimed. There was no chance of an amicable settlement, as one important condition of the award was that crews of foreign vessels should not unload. A large number of the union members were at loss through slackness of work, and the industry generally was at a disadvantage.

James W. Blundell, secretary of the union, gave evidence in support of jurisdiction. He said there were unionists in the employ of the respondents in March last, and there were unionists in their employ to-day.

The President said it appeared to him to be a dispute between seven men, and it was not proved that these seven men were in the employ on the day that the dispute was filed. That being so, where was the jurisdiction of the Court? The High Court had held, in the Pelaw Main case, when the union had wished to go on, that it was very material to consider whether any of the men raising the dispute were in the service of the respondents (Messrs. John and William Brown). The men raising the dispute were not in Brown's service, and therefore their Honors held that the Court had no jurisdiction.

Mr. Croft contended that the labour had been continuous.

The Court, however, thought this was improbable where the labour was casual, and postponed the further hearing of the matter till Friday, the secretary of the union undertaking meanwhile to go through the respondents' books, and ascertain for certain if these seven were in the employ of the respondents on March 21, the date of the filing of the dispute.

STRUCK OUT.

The matter of the Newcastle Wharf Labourers' Union, claimant, and J. Bertram, respondent, was struck out.

COURT OF REVIEW.

(Before Judge Murray.)

ASSESSMENT OF A LARGE PROPERTY.

Re William Smith Deane (public officer of the Kyogle Estate Company, Limited).

Mr. Piddington, instructed by Messrs. Deane and Deane, appeared for the appellant; and Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, for the Commissioners. This was an appeal against the assessment in regard to the Kyogle Estate, situated on the Richmond River. It appeared that the property having been purchased by the company was subdivided, and sold to a large number of purchasers. The sale extended over a considerable period, and the purchase money was payable by instalments, the unpaid balance carrying interest. The appellants in their income tax return declared on the footing of profits made for the sale of cattle and the management of the estate, but they objected to the Commissioners' assessment of income tax on income derived from the sale of the land, as it amounted to a conversion of capital, and, further, that the profit from subdivision sales would not be due until the year in which the instalments were payable, and, therefore, was not at present liable to taxation. It was also contended that if the amount derived from the sale in 1904 was income it was still exempt on the ground that it accrued from land on which land tax had already been paid; and that the only sum which could be regarded as liable to income tax for that year was the interest payable on the unpaid purchase money during that year. It was also claimed that the assessment was excessive.

The evidence having concluded, counsel addressed the Court, and his Honor reserved judgment.

RE THE NEW HILLGROVE PROPRIETARY MINES, LIMITED.

Mr. Rich, instructed by Messrs. Dodds and Richardson, appeared for J. S. Richardson (public officer for the New Hillgrove Proprietary Mines, Limited) in support of the appeal; and Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, for the Commissioners. The appeal in this case raised two points, the first being that the company was entitled to deduct from its gross income the sum of £2452, the cost of sinking a shaft and excavating shaft chambers. The second point was that the company was entitled to deduct £1232 for the depreciation of the machinery plant over and above £1000, which the Commissioners had conceded. As to the latter question, the Commissioners of Taxation had in the first instance allowed a deduction of £2232, and the applicant contended that having once exercised their discretion in the matter, the Commissioners could not withdraw from it.

The case stands part heard.

Several cases were heard in camera.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Acting Judge Scholes.)

ACTION AGAINST A FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Price v Clack and another.

Mr. J. A. Brown, instructed by Mr. E. R. Abigail, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Windeyer, instructed by Messrs. Beebag, Simpson, and Petrie, for the defendants. This was an action brought by David Price, of Marrickville, against William G. Clack, David Ross, and John Carlisle Humphreys, as trustees of the Native Rose Lodge, No. 46 branch, of the Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia, Grand Council of New South Wales, to recover compensation for alleged wrongful expulsion as a member of the society named. His case was that in August last he was taken ill, and was rendered incapable of carrying on his usual occupation. Under the rules of his lodge he was entitled to a weekly sick allowance, which, however, the trustees refused to pay, and in that way he had been deprived of the benefits of membership. He also complained that the trustees subsequently wrongfully expelled him from the lodge, by which act he had been injured in his credit and reputation. Damages were laid at £150.

The defence was that the plaintiff not having exhausted the remedies provided by the constitution and rules of the society for the settlement of disputes, the Court had no jurisdiction to hear the case. The society also paid £1 4s 6d into court, and pleaded never indebted as to the balance alleged to be due, and that plaintiff was legally expelled from the society.

Counsels' addresses were continued.

The case stands part heard.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse.)

Mr. Herbert Harris, Crown Prosecutor.

ALLEGED STEALING.

May Hickey, a neatly-dressed young woman, pleaded not guilty to a charge of stealing certain articles of clothing and the sum of £1 from the dwelling of H. A. Solomon, 129 Crown-street, early in June last. Some of the property, it was alleged, belonged to H. A. Solomon, and a portion to Sarah Kellett. It was submitted for the Crown that some of the alleged stolen articles were found in accused's possession at Bourke-street, to which locality she had removed.

The accused, who defended herself, deposed that the clothing was her own, and that the bed linen belonged to the person with whom she stayed in Bourke-street, a Mrs. Gilbert, with whom Mrs. Solomon was on bad terms.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and the accused was discharged.

ACQUITTED.

Charles Habelwaite, a young man, pleaded not guilty to a charge of uttering a forged ticket for admission to the Kensington Racecourse on February 28.

Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for the accused, whose defence was that he was given the ticket by a friend, one Alfred Smales, and had no idea that it was not genuine. He further deposed that it was the first visit of his life to a race meeting. Evidence was given by an ex-hotelkeeper, McCaulay, to show that he had purchased from Smales a similar ticket for 3s.

The jury found the accused not guilty, without leaving the box, and he was discharged forthwith.

Jane Reynolds, a well-dressed woman of middle-age, pleaded not guilty to the larceny of a skirt at Mark Foy's on November 21, 1903. She was defended by Mr. P. K. White, instructed by Mr. Chas. Bull. The defence was that accused left Sydney for Adelaide by rail on November 18, 1903, remaining in the latter place three weeks before returning to Sydney.

The jury, without retiring, found the accused not guilty.

ALLEGED MALICIOUSLY WOUNDING.

Robert, Arthur, and Alfred Thompson, father and two stepsons, pleaded not guilty to a charge of maliciously wounding their next door neighbour, A. A. Franklin, at North Sydney, on January 28. The Crown case was that the prosecutor chastised Arthur Thompson in fair fight for insulting his mother and sister during his absence from home, and that on a subsequent occasion the three set upon him and inflicted the injuries complained of.

Mr. P. K. White, instructed by Mr. Chas. Bull, appeared for the accused. The defence was a complete denial, it being submitted that the assault was committed by the other side. Both sides deposed that iron bars and knives had been used or flourished in the contest.

The Crown Prosecutor allowed the case to go to the jury as one of common assault, and a verdict of guilty was returned accordingly. The accused were remanded for sentence.

SENTENCES.

George James Dellar Eden, found guilty of breaking, entering, and stealing, was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Horace Southan, found guilty of obtaining goods by false pretences, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment with hard labour in Goulburn Gaol. His Honor added that he would recommend the prisoner to apply for a remission of the sentence after serving three months.

Alexander Halling and Frederick Andrews, who had pleaded guilty to stealing, were sentenced respectively to 18 months and 15 months' imprisonment, with hard labour, in Goulburn Gaol.

Wm. Franklin, who had pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a dwelling and stealing therein, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, with hard labour, in Bathurst Gaol.

LAW NOTICES.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

Darlinghurst Courthouse, at 10.30 a.m.—For hearing: Dun and others v McIntosh and another, McIntosh and another v Dun and others.

Note.—Motions will be taken at 10.30 a.m.

SUPREME COURT.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—Bagnall v White, 11 a.m.; Reakes v the Yerranderie Silver Mining Company, Ltd., 12 noon. Before the Chief Clerk: Davenport v O'Keefe, 10.30 a.m.

In Equity.—Before his Honor Mr. Justice Walker.—At 10.15 a.m.: Australian Equitable Investment Company, Ltd., summons for directions; W. T. Waters and Co., Ltd., v Sargent, part heard. Before the Master in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Douglas v Douglas, to proceed on accounts. Before the Deputy Registrar in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Warby v Forsyth, to tax costs; same v same, ditto; same v same, ditto.

Probate Jurisdiction.—The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—Ethel Emma Gelke, 10; Francis Philip Kuhn, 10.15; Leopold Ludwig Feurth, 10.30; Henry Stevenson, 11; R. B. Mackenzie, 12.

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce, in No. 1 Jury Court.—At 10: Plowright v Plowright, part heard.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.—Examinations under section 30: Frederick Wilkie Morison, Henry Thomas Hobbs. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 10.30 a.m.—Taxation of official assignee's costs: Thomas Gibbs.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Before the President and Members, in the Probate Court, Chancery-square, at 10 a.m.—For hearing: Re Sydney Wharf Labourers' Union, by Registrar, for cancellation (part heard). To be mentioned: Laundry Employees' Union v McGee.

Industrial Arbitration Office, Public Works-buildings, Phillip-street.—Before the Registrar.—At 10.00 a.m.: Lithgow District Smelters and Workers v the Great Cobar Copper Mining Syndicate, to settle issues. At 10.45 a.m.: Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, Australian District, v Shipbuilders and Shipjoiners' Association, re application for common rule, for directions as to mode of advertising.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Acting-Judge Scholes.—Burkitt v Ackland (at 10 a.m.); Price v Clack and others (part heard), at 2 p.m. Before the Registrar, at 10 a.m.—Booker v Wallace and another.

COURT OF REVIEW.

Before his Honor Judge Murray, at 10 a.m.—Appeals against income tax assessments in No. 2 Court.—J. S. Richardson, as public officer of the New Hillgrove Proprietary Mines, Limited (part heard); F. W. Jackson, as agent for the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, Limited; Mary Willis, as attorney for William Nicholas Willis; Bernard Ringrose Wise.

CUSTOMS INQUIRIES.

Before the Acting Collector of Customs (Mr. W. Bethune), at 10 a.m., the following cases will be dealt with: Excise inquiries: James Cox, hotelkeeper, Sydney, Herbert Garratt, hotelkeeper, Sydney, Alexander Leonard, hotelkeeper, Sydney, neglect to cut beer excise duty stamps.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Frederick William Dowland Dansey, bigamy; George Anthony Happ, forgery and uttering; William Jackson and George Flowers, breaking and entering and stealing; Herbert Leal, breaking and entering and stealing.

CONTROL OF THEATRES.

CITY COUNCIL'S REQUEST.

DEPUTATION TO MR. HOGUE.

DUAL CONTROL.

OBJECTED TO BY THE GOVERNMENT.

ANOMALIES TO BE REMOVED.

A deputation from the City Council interviewed the Chief Secretary, Mr. Hogue, yesterday, on the question of the control of Sydney theatres by the municipality.

The Lord Mayor said that the council felt that it was justified in asking for special permission for the absolute control of theatres and music-halls within the city boundaries. In England recognition was given to the rights of local authorities in such matters, as it was felt that the municipalities were responsible for the safety of the citizens, and came more directly in contact with them than did the Government. The City Council had no powers, and were merely scavengers. (Hear, hear.) He regretted to say that there were places in the city which were nothing more than death-traps. (Hear, hear.) He was amazed at the termination of a meeting over which he presided recently, to see the frantic efforts which the audience made to get out of the building. If a panic had arisen two-thirds of them would have gone down. The council only wanted what was reasonable. He hoped that the bill which was to be introduced shortly would give the necessary powers to the civic authorities.

Alderman Meagher said that there was one aspect to which he desired to draw attention. They wished to deal with the public with regard to their environments as members of the City Corporation. In 1903 the health committee of the council made an inspection of the Sydney theatres. In regard to several leading theatres the sanitary conveniences were found to be inadequate. The question of the council's power to compel theatre proprietors to improve matters in this respect was submitted to the council's solicitor, who advised them that the council had no power. The department fortunately came to the rescue, but there was no reason why theatres should not be placed in this regard in the same category as factories, warehouses, and shops. The public parks, which were under the control of the council, were a more national concern than theatres, which were under Government control. The question of ethics might be left in the hands of the Government. A theatre in Pitt-street, which was condemned on account of insufficient exits, was in practically the same state now. Boxing and dancing halls should be licensed and subject to inspection.

Mr. Hogue, in reply, expressed sympathy with any legitimate desire on the part of municipalities to extend their sphere of usefulness. The tendency was in that direction, but the request of the deputation involved a matter of principle, and a number of questions of policy which would be far-reaching in their consequences. They wanted to take absolute control of the management of theatres, as well as the licensing of them. That would involve placing in their hands the machinery for controlling the theatres, viz., the police force. That would not be a desirable step. The theatres were not merely Sydney concerns. They catered for the amusement of people in the suburbs and all over the State. If the absolute control of theatres were placed in the hands of the City Corporation there would be a conflict of authority and dual control. The administration of the Health Act and the Children's Protection Act was involved in the control of theatres. A change would mean that the other corporations in the State would be similarly affected. In London 41 theatres were under the control of the Lord Chamberlain, and only 14 under the London County Council, the latter being chiefly "penny gaffs." He agreed that the City Council should have something to say in regard to the sanitary arrangements of theatres. The department did not charge for licenses and supervision of theatres, and was at considerable expense in looking after the welfare of the public in this regard. He said emphatically that the theatres in Sydney were as well managed, and as safe, as any in the world. There might be unlicensed places which did not come under control. Power must be taken over these places. But, so far as licensed theatres were concerned, there was no just ground for complaint. There were anomalies in connection with this matter which must be removed. Entertainments were given over which the Government had no control. He admitted the hardship of licensed theatres, which had to go to enormous expense to comply with the law, while they were in competition with unlicensed entertainments, which were not obliged to spend a penny in improving their accommodation. Provision would be made to prevent overcrowding, but he could not allow the licensing of theatres to go outside the hands of the Government. He intended to bring in a bill dealing with this matter, and to provide for a license fee for theatres. He regretted that he could not meet their views entirely. In Victoria the Government had absolute control of the theatres, also in Western Australia. In other States there was dual control. The licensing of theatres must remain in the hands of the Government, but he would consider the whole question, and meet their views where he could.

DEPREDATIONS BY BOYS.

A HORSE AND BUGGY.

REMOVED FROM A CHURCH YARD.

A MYSTERY UNRAVELLED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Efforts on the part of the police at Bendigo to unravel the mystery surrounding the disappearance of a horse and buggy from the yard of St. Andrew's Church on Sunday have brought to light a remarkable series of offences by boys. According to statements furnished to the police a boy, who is 15 years of age, has led a vagabond life for sometime. During the Easter holidays this boy, with two companions, camped out in the ranges at Strathfieldsay, and kept themselves in food with the aid of ferrets and dogs, and occasional depredations. Visiting a miner's hut they found some sticks of lithofracteur, and to this they applied a match to "see fireworks." After Easter they returned to Bendigo. Two of the boys admitted a fourth into their circle. The new recruit had been kept at home as punishment for having played truant, but he managed to join the other boys, and while a service was proceeding at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday morning, they jumped into Mr. J. R. Edwards's buggy and drove off. On the way to Axe Creek they ran down a turkey, and took it aboard the buggy. Having fed the horse at the expense of Mr. C. H. Reid, of Somerset Park, they drove into Strathfieldsay and crowned their exploits by discussing from the buggy the subject of ferrets with the son of the resident police officer. They then drove to Mr. C. Holmes's residence, about half a mile from the "Pre Hat", and denuded his larder. After driving into the city they left the vehicle near Back Creek Cemetery, unharnessing the horse. Two of the boys were arrested on a charge of having illegally used the horse and buggy. One denied any knowledge of the theft of tobacco from Mr. Holmes's residence. "I don't smoke," he added, with all the confidence of his 13 years. "I gave it up a long while ago." The other boy had 4s 6d in his possession. He said he got this from a companion, and as the result of further inquiries by Detective Wilson and Constable Deegan this companion was arrested on a charge of having stolen a number of sheepskins.

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THE JUNCTION NORTH.

RUMOURED AMALGAMATION.

PROTEST BY SHAREHOLDERS.

A largely-attended meeting of shareholders in the Broken Hill Junction North S.M. Company, No Liability, was held in the call room of the Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday afternoon, to protest against amalgamation with any other company or companies, and with a view to taking united action for the protection of shareholders.

Mr. W. J. Hogan, who presided, said that some time ago he had complained to the secretary of the company that information about the fire was only obtained by shareholders in fragmentary reports from newspapers, etc., and it was impossible to say whether they were authentic.

A voice: It did not suit them to give any information.

Mr. Hogan said he pointed out that it was the company's duty to have published a circular informing shareholders how the fire had affected the Junction North property, thereby putting all shareholders on an equal footing. To that communication he received a reply stating that he could take it for granted that the shaft was not imperilled in any way, and to take no notice of anything to the contrary. There were at present rumours afloat with regard to the amalgamation of their property. Those rumours might not be true, and they might be premature in holding that meeting. As far as he was concerned, however, he believed the rumours were well founded, and that an attempt would be made to carry out the proposal. They did not know whether the Junction North Company had in any way sought to establish how the fire had originated in the Junction mine. He felt strongly that such an inquiry should be made. (Hear, hear.) Having discovered how it originated, shareholders would want to know whether the Junction Company was in any way responsible to the Junction North Company. He wished to again impress upon them that the meeting was called as the result of certain rumours that were afloat. They had nothing authentic. With regard to the fire he felt that a circular should have been issued to shareholders containing the earliest and most authentic information and the future policy of the board of directors. They had the money to repair the shaft, and if necessary to sink a new one. He proposed: "That it is against the best interests of the shareholders of the Broken Hill Junction North Company that the amalgamation of such company's mine should be made with any other mine or mines, it being the opinion of shareholders that the mine should be worked as a separate property by the present company. It is possessed of the necessary money to make any repairs required to the present shaft, or even to construct a new shaft if necessary; the mill appliances being now in a highly satisfactory state, and the ore bodies opened up being of large dimensions and of good value."

Mr. W. MacPherson, in seconding the motion, said that it was the duty of shareholders to in every way oppose the proposed amalgamation. They were quite satisfied with the Junction North, and did not want any other mines in with them.

The motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Tweitmeyer, it was decided—"That the Minister for Mines be requested to have an inquiry made through the mines' inspectors at Broken Hill with a view to ascertaining how the fire originated in the Junction mine, and as to the necessity for the Junction North Company sealing down its shaft, and subsequently flooding its mine; and as to the present condition of the Junction North Company's shaft; and that when such report is obtained it be made public."

It was further agreed—"That the resolutions be communicated to the Melbourne, Adelaide, and Broken Hill shareholders; and co-operation be asked from all shareholders in favour of the resolutions; and that the resolutions also be communicated to the Melbourne office of the company."

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

TYPHOID FEVER AT COBAR.

COBAR, Wednesday.

Thirteen fresh cases of typhoid fever have been reported since Monday. There are now 65 patients in the hospital. The committee is compelled to erect another ward to accommodate the patients. Two extra nurses arrived from Sydney last night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. MURRELL and FAMILY desire to return their sincere THANKS to Dr. Menzies, doctors, matron, and sister, and nursing staff of the Balmain Cottage Hospital for their unfailing kindness and attention to their dearly loved son, James Barnham, in his last illness.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY.

PREPARATIONS WELL FORWARD.

WORKING FOR A RECORD COLLECTION.

The Hospital Saturday Executive Committee, of which Mr. D. S. K. Miller is chairman, and Mr. J. J. Cohen honorary general secretary, is busily engaged preparing the way for a record collection on May 5th. The whole of the city and suburbs are provided for, excepting Randwick. The executive appears to be surprised at this dilatoriness on the part of the Randwick people, and it seems probable that if those interested locally do not do something practical forthwith that the arrangements will be taken from their hands.

The Executive Committee points out that during the last 12 years those responsible for the fund have collected £48,299 12s 5d, and that a sum of £44,290 has been distributed amongst the hospitals and charities of Sydney. Last year's collections, despite the unfavourable weather conditions, amounted to £3257, just £73 15s 9d less than the sum taken up the previous year, which turned out to be a record one. The arrangements this year, it is claimed, are most complete. A new section has been established at Camperdown, and that at St. George has been extended. Quite a novel departure from the methods employed last year lies in the fact that it has been arranged for 25 bands to play in various parts of the city and suburbs in the afternoon and evening. By this means it is thought that a goodly sum will be obtained. Various city firms are providing refreshments for the lady collectors on a liberal scale, and offers have been received to supply gratis whatever vehicles may be necessary to convey the superintendents from point to point.

Some little time ago it appeared as though there would be some trouble respecting the status of the King Edward VII. Hospital in relation to the Hospital Saturday Fund. This has now apparently been cleared up. A deputation representing the hospital in question, and the Australian Ambulance Association, waited upon the Fund Executive last Wednesday evening, when the matter was smoothed out. It was pointed out to the deputationists that their institutions had not been allowed to participate in past collections as the prescribed conditions had not been fulfilled. The mode of distribution was then explained, and the chairman of the King Edward VII. Hospital, Mr. J. J. Chounding, expressed himself satisfied with the explanation, and promised to send in the returns required by the executive for participation in the fund. It was also understood that no independent collections would be taken up on behalf of the institutions which the deputationists represented.

The executive committee invite the cordial co-operation of the public to make May 5th a record day.

MILITARY ADMINISTRATION.

ATTACK ON THE BOARD.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO BE TAKEN.

According to a Melbourne paper the open attack made on the military board system by Lieutenant-Colonel Antill is to be made the subject of a report to the Minister for Defence. Lieutenant-Colonel Antill's expressions of regret at the absence of a permanent officers' pension fund are regarded as legitimate enough, but his personal attack on the competency of the board to control military affairs, and the censure he passed on the Minister for appointing the Major Hawker board, are considered actions of a kind which require some official notice to be taken. It is, however, unlikely that any developments will take place until the Minister for Defence returns to Melbourne early next month.

During the course of a conversation yesterday, Sir William Lyne referred to the matter. He regarded the speech as an extraordinary one in several respects. "Lieutenant-Colonel Antill has gone out of the department," Sir William said, "and he is therefore at liberty to make any speech he feels inclined. At the same time, I think it was a most indiscreet thing for officers of the forces to sit and listen to what he had to say. I think the speech was a most extraordinary one."

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To the Residents of Albury and District.—This week's "Sydney Mail" has two pages devoted to the recent Albury Musical and Literary Festival.—Advt.

This week's "Sydney Mail" has an excellent full-page picture showing the "Record Crowd at Randwick Races on Easter Monday.—Advt.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT VICTORIAN SPORTSMAN.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Mr. William Bailey, at one time a prominent mining investor, and who for many years was identified with turf pursuits, died at Ballarat this morning, aged 79. In his youthful days he dug for gold at Bendigo and Ballarat, and his best venture was on the latter goldfield in a claim on the Canadian lead, and known as "The Jeweller's Shop" from the richness of the gold in it. Later on he became manager of the Staffordshire Reef mine, and afterwards of the Egerton. Of late years he has lived in retirement at Ballarat. Mr. Bailey's connection with the turf has extended for upwards of 30 years. In the "nineties" he was a regular visitor to the big meetings at Randwick in company with his friend, Mr. Robert Orr, and rarely was his name absent from the list of purchasers at the yearling sales. He was a plucky buyer, and was always ready to pay a good price for a youngster with pretensions to classic form, and, for years after his increasing age and bodily infirmities prevented his usual trip across the Murray, or even from seeing his horses perform on the racecourse, he was represented at the ringside by the Newmarket trainer, Thos. Payten, who purchased on behalf of his patron, and trained most of the horses with which Mr. Bailey's turf successes have been associated; but of late years J. Scobie has been entrusted with the tuition of Mr. Bailey's purchases. His turf successes were mostly in connection with the classic events. In 1890 he won the Caulfield Guineas with Annersley, and in the meantime he was successful on the same course with Metford, Cocos, and Hautain in 1896, 1897, and 1900 respectively. He secured the V.R.C. Maribyrnong Plate, 1896, and the S.A.J.C. St. Leger, 1896, with Keera; the A.J.C. Champagne Stakes, 1896, and Australian Cup, 1897, with Coil; the V.R.C. Derby, 1898, with Cocos; while the V.R.C. Ascotvale Stakes, 1901, and the A.J.C. and V.R.C. Derby of the same year were captured by Hautvilliers, who after his success in the race for the blue ribbon at Flemington was sold into South America. The two-year-old Taunton was the last to carry Mr. Bailey's popular livery at the late V.R.C. Autumn Meeting, but the son of Haut Brion was not successful.

BOSSISM AND MONOPOLY.

We receive from Messrs. George Robertson and Co. copy of "Bossism and Monopoly," by Thomas Carl Spelling. The author announces himself as one of those "lusus naturae" who are born ultra-conservatives, and who remain in this benighted condition for years, and then veer round to the opposite quarter. The general rule is that a man starts life as a radical, and that he gradually recognises the futility of his political beliefs and alters them accordingly. Mr. Spelling furnishes the exception. From an ultra-conservative he has become quite otherwise, or a radical of the deepest dye. He is now prepared to prove that the dangers to republican institutions suggested by radical thinkers and speakers are real and imminent in the United States, and that radical measures are necessary "to arrest evil tendencies and restore to the people equality of opportunity." Wherefore he declares war against "bossism and monopoly." He might have done as much if he had remained an "ultra-conservative," for it is not only to radicals that monopoly is an offence, and it certainly is not only radicals of the type Mr. Spelling favours who fight this evil. United States legislation lends itself easily to the aggrandisement of monopolists, but if Congress were composed of men who could not be bought, this sort of legislation would be soon replaced by better laws. The ultimate responsibility, then, rests on the electors, and until Mr. Spelling and his friends can obtain a majority in Congress they are merely wasting words. Mr. Spelling recognises this fact when he practically admits the uselessness of kicking against the pricks before the electorates make this operation harmless. "The monopoly," he says, "stands back of the boss, but the boss must be first gotten rid of." Neither "bossism" nor "monopoly" is a wonder-making word. The party "boss" runs easily in double harness with the monopolist in American politics; but it is the people which is to blame—not the men who are allowed to trade on their weaknesses and their indifference. Mr. Spelling gives us portentous facts and figures showing the plundering of the people by monopolies.

Mothers are grateful for California Syrup of Figs, the children like it so; it is "Nature's pleasant laxative"; as good for the mother as for the child.—Advt.

A page of this week's "Mail" is allotted to the yearling sales at Payten's stables, Randwick.—Advt.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Delegates from the Australasian Universities met in conference to-day at the Town Hall. Archbishop Clarke was voted to the chair.

Professor Harrison Moore moved: "That it is desirable, if possible, that the public examinations of the Australasian Universities for commercial certificates should have a uniform standard." and discussion ensued. Professor MacCallum (Sydney), and Mr. G. H. Knibbs doubted the utility of the motion, and after others had spoken the motion was shelved by carrying an amendment to proceed to the next business.

Professor Peterson (Melbourne) reported that on Monday the conference between representatives of Melbourne and Adelaide Universities had agreed—"That co-operation between these Universities in the conduct of musical examinations is desirable; that such co-operation should come into force on July 1, 1907, and continue for three years." He also reported that on Tuesday representatives of all the Australasian Universities had resolved: "That co-operation between the Universities of Australasia in the conduct of public examinations in music is desirable, such co-operation to be on the general lines of the proposed agreement between the Universities of Melbourne and Adelaide." The conference adopted these resolutions.

The conference also agreed to a resolution affirming the desirability of an occasional interchange of teachers between Australian universities. A committee was appointed to consider the best means of bringing about inter-university conferences during the common vacation, and after other business the conference ended.

INQUESTS.

FATAL STREET ACCIDENT.

An inquest was held yesterday morning concerning the death of Sarah Bernard, who died on Thursday from the effects of a fractured skull.

On the 12th instant the deceased was knocked down by a cab in George-street. She was taken to the Sydney Hospital, where two stitches were put in the wound on her head, after which she was removed to the Central Police Station, and charged with being drunk. A few hours later she appeared to become ill, and was again removed to the Sydney Hospital, where she was kept under observation till 9 o'clock that evening, when she was again taken to the police station. The next morning she was brought before the court and fined. That night (Saturday), at 9 o'clock, she was again locked up for being drunk. The next morning the matron at the police station noticed that she was extremely quiet, and it was decided to send her to the Sydney Hospital. For the third time she was taken to that institution, where she was examined and returned to the station. The following day (Monday) she was brought before the court and remanded for medical treatment.

Dr. Paton, Government Medical Officer, said that he saw the deceased on Monday morning at the gaol. She was able to walk, but appeared to be dazed. She had a slight wound on the head, which had been dressed. When he saw her he did not think she was suffering from alcoholism, but rather from an injury to the brain, or an internal trouble. She was admitted to the gaol hospital. Her condition became worse next day, and she was sent to the Sydney Hospital. He was not certain what was the matter with her when he sent her away from the gaol.

Dr. Finckh, who made the post-mortem examination, stated that death was due to a fracture of the skull, which lay under the wound which was treated at the hospital on the 12th instant.

A verdict was returned to the effect that the deceased died from injuries accidentally received through being knocked down by a cab.

SUSPICIOUS DEATH OF A WOMAN.

The City Coroner held an inquest yesterday concerning the death of a single woman named Lily Maud Woodworth, who died at the Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington, on Sunday, under suspicious circumstances. The deceased was brought to the institution on Saturday by Florence Knowlan, a married woman, residing in Riley-street, who stated that on the previous Thursday the deceased rented a room from her and had taken ill that morning.

Before she died the deceased made a statement to the police, mentioning the name of Mrs. Knowlan in connection with her illness. Mrs. Knowlan yesterday denied having interfered with the woman in any way. To enable the police to gather further information in the case the inquest was adjourned for a week.

BABY COUGH MUST NEVER LINGER.

Nothing is more distressing than to see a helpless little infant suffering with a cough, and to be fearful of using a remedy which may contain some harmful ingredient. The makers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy positively guarantee that this preparation does not contain opium in any form, or any other harmful substance. Mothers may confidently give this remedy to their little ones. It gives prompt relief, and is perfectly safe. It always cures, and cures quickly.—Advt.

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SAN FRANCISCO.

VANISHED GLORIES OF A GREAT CITY.

THE SYDNEY MAIL, WEDNESDAY, 25TH INST.

SAN FRANCISCO ILLUSTRATED.

The general public, with its mind stirred by the appalling tragedy in the State of California, cannot afford to miss the set of pictures appearing in the SYDNEY MAIL, published Wednesday, the 25th inst. From a splendid central illustration of Cliff House, the famous pleasure resort overlooking the sea, through a long gallery of other beautiful pictures, there is much that is delightful to the eye—millionaire-residences, huge skyscrapers, lovely gardens, and picturesque snapshots of sea and city. Scanning the pages of the issue, the titanic horror that swept away or shattered into debris such glories in marble and stone is realised with a force that is not otherwise possible. There is not an important building in the city that is not shown, and underneath each picture is told the story of its partial or complete destruction. Nine pages of the Illustrated Section are devoted to the reproduction of perhaps fifty pictures, some of them very imposing, and all bearing directly upon the details cabled from day to day. The narrative in pictorial form is complete, even to a portrait of the late chief of the Fire Department, who died at his post. In grim tragedy San Francisco has fallen and with the current issues of the Illustrated Papers of the entire world there passes into history the Pictorial Record of the city before the fall. In due course will appear the Pictorial Record of the City in Chaos. Later on, the new San Francisco, in greater splendour than ever. In these circumstances we offer the first of the set; and the issue is well worth keeping as a souvenir of the greatest tragedy of the new century.

SOME OF OUR PICTURES:

THE CITY HALL, A BUILDING THAT TOOK 20 YEARS TO ERECT.
SUTRO HEIGHTS AND THE BEACH.
IN CHINATOWN; SEVERAL SNAPSHOTS.
LELAND STANFORD, JUN., UNIVERSITY.
FIGUEROA-STREET, LOS ANGELES.
CLIFF HOUSE: A FINE PICTURE.
UNION-SQUARE: A HISTORIC QUARTER.
RUSSIAN HILL, RESIDENTIAL QUARTER.
GOLDEN GATE PARK: SEVERAL VIEWS.
THE GREAT SPRECKELS SKYSCRAPER.
NOB HILL, THE GLORIES OF WHICH WERE BURNT.
PALM-AVENUE, SUTRO HEIGHTS.
PARAPET, SUTRO HEIGHTS.
THE GREAT FLOOD BUILDING, FROM UNION FERRY TO OAKLAND PIER.
GOLDEN GATE: ENTRANCE TO THE HARBOUR.
ALONG THE WATER FRONT: A SHIPPING SCENE.
FORT POINT, SHOWING THE OLD FORT.
MILLIONAIRE RESIDENCES, BURNT, OR DESTROYED BY CANNON.
VIEW FROM SPRECKELS: AN IMPOSING PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE CITY.
CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.
VIEW OF THE CITY FROM THE HOPKINS INSTITUTE.
MAIN DRIVE: GOLDEN GATE PARK.
SAN JOSE, 40 MILES FROM 'FRISCO, WHERE THE SHOCK WAS SEVERE.
UNITED STATES MINT.
THE PHELAN STATUE.
HALL OF JUSTICE.
ANOTHER VIEW OF THE "SKYSCRAPERS."
MARKET-STREET, LOOKING WEST.
MARKET-STREET, LOOKING EAST.
THE CHRONICLE, CALL, AND EXAMINER OFFICES.
THE FAMOUS PALACE HOTEL.

All the above, and some few others, in addition to an excellent map showing San Francisco and all the cities in the State that were affected by the earthquakings. Special articles bearing on the event are included.

In addition to the San Francisco set, the issue has a number of Pictures of Exhibits at the recent Royal Show; the Yearling Sales are illustrated; the Musical and Literary Easter Festival at Albury is given especial prominence; there are Show Cattle Pictures; a Full-page Picture—a very fine one—of a record crowd at the Races on Easter Monday; and there are the usual Short Stories. Such a wealth of contents was only possible by the enlargement of the Illustrated Section.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE SUPPLY OF FARM LABOUR.

One of the topics discussed on all occasions when settlers meet is the question of the supply of farm labour. Listening to these discussions one may pick up a considerable variety of opinions and views. Some farmers utterly denounce the labour conditions, and are always prepared to declare that it is impossible to obtain good workmen at reasonable wages. The other extreme of the pole is represented by the easy-going man, who prides himself upon being able to say that he encounters no difficulties in managing his establishment. He will assure you that he can always obtain first-class, satisfactory men by paying a reasonable wage, and insisting that no idle, disaffected labourer shall be allowed on his property. Between these two is the great bulk of people who cultivate land and raise stock. This large class is not sanguine concerning the working man, but at the same time it is always prepared to admit that it gets through in some sort of fashion by making the best of the available supply of labour. No doubt the man who, according to his own statement, never succeeds in obtaining satisfactory value for the wages that he pays is a somewhat impossible person, who would fall out with his labourers no matter what the supply might be like or how low the scale of wages he was called upon to pay. On the other hand, if one follows the contented farmer to his home, he is apt to find that he also encounters some thorns in his path of roses. In the concrete the chief difficulties of the settlers in their relations with the working man seem to arise as a consequence of the nomadic and uncertain conditions which seem to be characteristic of the Australian life. In this country a large proportion of the men who seek work on the farms and stations pick up a job when they most require it, and throw it away as lightly as though another were available at the next instant. Some who have a settled object in life, and are working for wages, in order that they may take up land, or become dealers, or enter some other walk of life, will keep steadily on, and, if reasonably treated by their masters, will put up with the troubles and drawbacks which are inevitable in all occupations. The man belonging to the large ambitionless class, however, never seems to consider his future for a moment. "The Boss" may in a moment of irritation suggest in rather forcible language that the man is not doing what is exactly right in smashing his property in a careless fashion, and the man's answer is, "Oh, well, I suppose that I'd better roll up." This is Australian for making up his swag, drawing his wages, and once more going on the tramp along the roads in search of work of a similar character to that which he has so lightly cast aside.

Another very exasperating feature in connection with the supply of farm labour is the incompetence of many of the men who are prepared to declare that they can tackle any job on the farm or station, and carry it out to the satisfaction of the employer. Men will work as ploughmen for a score of years, off and on, and still they will not acquire the art of managing horses in a satisfactory way and doing justice to the land they are turning over. The same fault is to be found with the men who undertake other work of a comparatively simple nature. Wages are said to be high in Australia, but the actual money paid does not trouble the farmer nearly so much as the indifferent service which is offered to him in exchange for his coin. A really first-class, intelligent, energetic farm hand, able to plough and drive all sorts of implements and machines in a capable way, and to put his hand to fencing, tank-sinking, or stack-building, is worth at least four times the wage of the average chap who saunters along the roads carrying a swag, looking for work, but seeking very much more energetically for a bagful of free food. With the present labour-saving implements and machines at hand the farmer may make one capable man worth a good sound wage—a wage indeed that would have rather appalled an agriculturist of the old school, and it is only by securing such men and treating them very well that the large inland farmer can manage to carry on his operations. One excellent plan worked on by some of the estate-holders who grow wheat extensively is to keep a supply of picked men to keep the casual hands in something like order. This works very well so long as the picked men do not give up working for others, and become landholders themselves—a development which is continually occurring. A man who has before him the harvesting of, perhaps, 4000 acres of wheat feels fairly comfortable when he knows that among the large number of hands there are perhaps eleven steady, energetic fellows who will work regularly and watch his interests. On the other hand, to begin the season with a team of strangers picked up in the township or from the roadside means endless worry, delays, corn-shaking from the ear, and probably heavy losses through storms and fires. This is the serious aspect of the labour problem in the country, and, unfortunately, there seems no prospect that it will be solved within a reasonable period of time.

On the coast and in other dairying districts the chief trouble is to get the cows milked twice a day. The supply of labour here is perhaps more regular than that inland, but the difficulty of obtaining men and boys who may be trusted to do this very important work in a thorough fashion when the boss's back is turned is equally as great. There is the same casual temperament observable in the people who seek work on dairy farms as in those who tramp from farm to station, and from station to camp. Here again the farmers get through somehow. They put up with the losses inevitable to such a state of affairs, and by making as much use as they fairly can of their own families they contrive to keep the dairy work moving without inflicting too much injustice upon the cows, that should be thoroughly stripped night and morning.

It is easy to sketch out the drawbacks which the employer of farm labour has to face and overcome, but it is hard indeed to suggest a workable remedy. A scheme that is attractive and has found favour with many thinkers would provide for the establishing of labour-training farms to be devoted, not to finding easy, restful homes for the derelicts of the city parks, but for infusing health and strength into the army of half-fed children who grow up like weeds in the poor quarters of the metropolis. Under proper management thousands of these children might be trained to become good experienced farm labourers. All the work of the dairy, all the labour of the farm and station, might be taught to boys who, if handled in the proper way, would be proud of their ability and capacity to earn full wages by working on the land. Such institutions as these farms could be used by the State to begin at the beginning in its efforts to relieve a choked city of its surplus workless population, while at the same time a good solid effort would be made to systematise the supply of farm and station labour. This is the way in which the problem has struck Mr. Bent, Premier of Victoria. That gentleman visited the Sobraon when here, but he thinks a farm, not a ship, is the institution that young Victoria wants.

ITEMS.

Mr. David Hyam, whose cow Blossom III. won the butter competitions at the Royal Show, is a great believer in the possession of a Babcock tester. He holds that the fullest profits cannot be got out of a herd unless their owner is in possession of their individual performances. Regular testing enables a man to weed out his duffers as soon as possible, and to let their feed go to more profitable animals. In a number of dairying countries there are testing associations, of which the dairymen of various districts are the members. A tester is either appointed to visit the farms at intervals or a central depot is fixed at one of the factories. Every cow's milk in a district is thus obtained and tabled. It is claimed for the system that it does the work thoroughly, while where testing is left to the individual it is too frequently neglected, and men go on year after year with profitless cows in their yards.

It does not seem to be sufficiently recognised by farmers generally that they can obtain from the Agricultural Department here, and even from departments abroad, samples of seed for experimental purposes free of charge. Our own department certainly distributes a good deal, and there is evidence that the results have been encouraging. A few men in the State go further afield, and have tried the great American Department of Agriculture. This department has long been famous for its seed distribution, and Australian applicants have met with a very cordial response. In sending seed here the United States authorities have requested to be supplied with samples of results, and with seeds of peculiarly Australian plants in which they are interested. There is at present an outcry in the States against the great abuse of seed distribution owing to political influences. Representatives in their desire to curry favour have been using the department to scatter samples broadcast among their constituents. But this log-rolling scheme is now receiving consideration, and closer supervision is to be enforced.

Increased interest in the possibilities of the Commerce Act as an agent for the Government grading of butter and other export products is aroused by the observations of Ministers in Melbourne published on Tuesday. There have been several instances lately of the sore straits to which the anti-graders are reduced, and of their gross misrepresentation of the working of the system in Victoria and elsewhere. Mr. Swinburne, the Victorian Minister for Agriculture, evidently listened to this small hostile section while in Sydney recently, and he is inclined to think that we will not have grading here for a long time. Fortunately, Sir William Lyne was able to correct him. The Customs Minister was very close to the mark when he said, "My experience goes to show that there is a desire amongst New South Wales producers for grading to be adopted." Our State Government seems so hopeless on this and other questions affecting the producer that action in the Federal House would be welcomed. The extraordinary thing about the anti-grader is his disinclination to come into the open. Mr. Meares influenced the recent conference in Sydney with a statement about grading in Victoria, which a correspondent in these columns subsequently showed to be strangely wide of the mark. It was expected that Mr. Meares would accept the challenge of the authenticity of his information.

THE ROYAL SHOW.

SPECIAL WINE CLASS.

A special prize for wines exhibited for sale in the kiosk at the Royal Show was allotted yesterday, when the award fell to Mr. H. J. Lindeman. The judges were Professor Blunno and Mr. M. Segur, and they had upwards of 50 samples before them shown by 12 exhibitors. The wines embraced hocks, clarets, sherries, and ports, and the competition was remarkably close. Mr. Lindeman scored a total of 56½ points, and won by half a point from the Auldana wines, which scored 56 points. The next was Mr. E. Genty, who scored 55½ points. Although the points were hidden in the usual way the judges, in several instances, each gave exactly the same number of points to the same sample, and the competition was, in consequence, highly interesting.

EARLY MATURING MERINOS AS MUTTON SHEEP.

Mr. H. G. von Laubenfeld, of Yongarn E., West Wyalong, writes:—Your publishing early last month of my call on the sheepbreeders of Australia to follow my lead and improve the carcase of the merino in the direction of getting them at the same time to come to maturity as early as the British breed of sheep has already, I am glad to see, borne some fruit.

From New South Wales and Tasmania accounts have been given lately in your and other papers of not only the prizes high-class merino sheep have taken at the principal shows, but the breeders had supplemented this by also giving the live weight of those prize-takers, and by that means giving the non-attending public a fair idea of the great size of the sheep.

The weights given are from sheep four years old and more, and go above 200lb, thus proving that the merino will grow to great size in the warm and cold parts of Australia.

The next step for the breeders to take is to produce, as I have done, the carcase weight of their four year olds, on their merinos, before they have completed their second year, and keep the weight and quality of the fleece, together above all with a sound constitution. Sheepbreeders should not only say my clip averages so much per head, but should also state my young sheep weigh so much at 12 months old. When that is done, a general improvement in the merino as a mutton sheep will soon follow.

NEW ENGLAND POTATO CROP.

RECORD PRICES.

GUYRA, Wednesday.

At the present time the farmers of New England, at least Guyra portion of it, are reaping a harvest far exceeding their most sanguine expectations. Last year, when potatoes reached £9 per ton, many even sold their seed, believing that such a market would not be again experienced for some years at least, for two good seasons in succession have never previously been known in New England; so it is little wonder the farming community are jubilant at the almost prohibitive prices ruling this year for potatoes. But things have not always been in such a flourishing condition, and it is time a favourable turn occurred. Twelve years ago Mr. William Moore, who, by the way, has the best crop in the district this year, had over 100 tons of the best sample of potatoes it was possible to procure, and he could not sell them for 10d per bag—the same potatoes would now be worth 14s per bag. In 1884, several farmers sent consignments to Maitland and Newcastle, and everyone of them was called on to forward money to pay costs. One gentleman consigned 14 tons, and had to pay the agents £1 9s 6d. That year there were over 3000 tons of potatoes in this immediate locality, and not a single farmer realised enough on his crop to pay for digging. It is of interest to chronicle that the first crop of Brownell's, the variety that is now topping the Sydney market, was allowed to remain in the ground, as it would not pay to dig them, only sufficient for seed being taken out of the ground. This is truly a great contrast, and the mystery remains unsolved, that at the time spoken of the colony of New South Wales was not, according to statistics, supplying within thousands of tons of her requirements; yet these prolific crops were allowed to rot in the ground. This year will prove a record for the Tableland, as far as potatoes are concerned, and encouraged by the high prices ruling this year, there will be a far larger area of new ground under crop next year, it being now the ruling opinion that potatoes will command a high price for several seasons to come.

MUCH-LITIGATED CASE.

RIGHTS OF MARRIED WOMEN.

QUIRINDI, Tuesday.

A case of more than ordinary interest came before the local land board (Mr. F. Posto, chairman), sitting at Murrurundi last week. In 1904 an area of 228 acres in the parish of Temi, county of Buckland, became available for c.p. of c.l., for which Mrs. Hall, a married woman with a separate estate, not living apart from her husband, applied as a c.l. in virtue of certain c.p's. which had devolved upon her under the will of a previous husband. John Costello also applied for the land as an a.c.p. At the hearing before the board, Mr. C. E. Rennie, acting chairman, found in favour of Mrs. Hall, and allotted her the land. Against this decision Costello appealed to the Land Appeal Court, on the grounds that the Minister's sanction, as required by section 17 of the C.L.A.A. Act of 1903, had not been tendered with the application, and that under the same section Mrs. Hall's application was an original one, and that therefore she was debarred from applying. The Land Appeal Court held that under section 17 Mrs. Hall was not entitled to apply, and directed the board to rehear the applications of Mrs. Hall and John Costello, but made no recommendation as to the allotment of the land. Against this decision Mrs. Hall appealed to the Supreme Court, and the case stated was whether Mrs. Hall was precluded under section 17 from applying for the land. The Court answered the question in the affirmative, with costs against the appellant. When the case came before the local land board on the 19th instant, Mr. White (solicitor) appeared for and with Costello, and Mr. Thomas (solicitor) and Mr. Pountney (agent) for and with Mrs. Hall. The district surveyor's report was that the area available added to the holdings of either Costello or Hall would not give them more than sufficient for home maintenance. Mr. Thomas here admitted that Mrs. Hall was a married woman not living apart from her husband under an order for judicial separation, and stated—(1) that the basal c.p's. devolved upon her under the will of her deceased husband, who died on August 26, 1888, and were now held by her as owner, i.e., not in a fiduciary capacity; (2) that Mrs. Hall was married to her present husband on August 20, 1890. The board held that "If Mrs. Hall is the holder of a c.p. or c.p's., which has, or have, been devised to her, she may make a c.l. in virtue thereof, notwithstanding the provisions of section 47 of the 1889 Act; and, subject to the necessary proofs being adduced on these points, we over-rule Mr. White's objection." The merits of the case were then entered upon, and after hearing them the board found that Mrs. Hall was only entitled to have her application considered in respect of her c.p. 65-11 of 60 acres, on which she had fulfilled the conditions of residence, as required by sub-section F of section 3 of the 1903 Act, and directed the necessary survey.

LAND IN THE SINGLETON DISTRICT.

SINGLETON, Tuesday.

A combined deputation from the local branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association and the Singleton Progress Association waited on Mr. J. Fallick, M.L.A., with a view to bringing under notice the matter of closer settlement as applied to this district.

Mr. Arthur Grainger, president of the Singleton Progress Association, introduced the deputation, and informed Mr. Fallick that in this district there were some estates suitable for closer settlement, and the owners were willing to sell. On behalf of the associations represented on the deputation, he asked Mr. Fallick to use his best endeavours to have such lands resumed for the purpose. Messrs. A. Parkhurst, R. Heuston, and J. E. Shepherd also addressed the member, who, in replying, said he was endeavouring now to have one estate thrown open for closer settlement, and he had every reason for hoping that it would come about. What he wanted to show the Government was that there was a desire to settle upon an estate, and the remainedr would be easy. They could rest assured that he would do all in his power as speedily as possible to comply with their request.

SETTLEMENT IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The Government recently refused a request that the resumed part of Wellshot Holding, near Longreach, should be sold at auction, and the area, totalling nearly 180,000 acres, will be opened to selection on May 9 as grazing farms. The area is to be opened in ten farms, ranging from 9600 to 23,000 acres, the rent to be 2d per acre. One farm of 20,000 acres will be opened at a rental of 2¼d. The Government will also open for selection at Hughenden on May 8 106,000 acres, in seven farms, ranging from 2200 to 22,200 acres, the rents ranging from ¾d to 2d. All these lands are on Afton Downs, Landsborough, and Uanda resumptions.

FRUIT EXPORT.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The White Star liner Suevic sailed to-day for London and Liverpool with a cargo of 47,112 cases of fruit, shipped at this port.

ADELAIDE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society, Mr. John Hill, the retiring president, pointed out that since 1900 the membership had increased from 565 to 1766. The society's assets amounted to £10,066, of which £3000 was in cash. During the period mentioned the society had voluntarily forfeited the annual subsidy of £500 from the Government.

STOCK BOARDS.

BEGA.—The pastures protection board has passed the following resolution, viz.:—"That in the opinion of this board, where an owner adjoins Crown lands and undertakes to erect a rabbit-proof fence, the Government should pay half the cost in all cases." It was decided not to appoint a delegate to attend the annual conference, and not so support the request of the Canonbar Board in its effort to have the skins of rabbits carried by the Railway Commissioners free of charge.

GOULBURN.—At a meeting of the Pastures and Protection Board on Wednesday, it was resolved to agree to the proposal of the Canonbar board that rabbitskins should be carried free on the railways; also with the Corowa board's resolution, that the Government be requested to pay half of the cost of wire netting erected by holders along the boundaries of reserves which are not under lease. A levy of one farthing per head on sheep was struck, with 2d on horses and cattle. The following scale of bonuses was adopted:—Native dogs, £1; pups, 7s 6d; full-grown foxes, 4s; cubs, 2s 6d; kangaroo rats, 2d. Mr. Kirtpatrick, the stock inspector, reported that rabbits in portions of the district he had visited were not decreasing since the rain. The rabbit appeared to have moved back from the rivers and creeks to scrubby country, and unoccupied Crown lands adjoining. The owners of adjoining lands complained that nothing was being done by the Government to destroy the pests. Foxes appeared to be increasing, but no serious damage had been done.

DAIRYING.

BEGA.—The output of the Bega Co-operative Creamery Company, Limited, is over 15 tons of butter weekly, and the supply is gradually increasing. A special meeting of the Southern Districts Factories Directors' Association was held in the School of Arts, Bega. Representatives were present from Candelo, Rocky Hall, Wolumla, Pambula, Bemboka, Towamba, and Bega Co-operative Companies. The principal business was the adoption of rules and regulations governing the association. These were determined and referred to the various companies.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

COFF'S HARBOUR.—The proposal to hold a land court at Glenreagh, instead of Coramba, or Coff's Harbour, is causing great dissatisfaction, and the Lands Department has been asked to have the court cancelled. Mr. Henry Edgar Day's special lease for a tramway site at Coff's Island has been sanctioned by the Minister for Lands.

CUNDLETOWN.—The most important land sale ever held in the district took place on Wednesday afternoon, when 18 farms were offered at auction by a syndicate, which recently purchased Cundle Estate. There was a very large attendance, and all parts of the district were represented. The farms sold realised high prices, over £32 an acre being paid in some instances, the average price obtained being over £26. Seven farms were passed in, having failed to reach the reserve. The purchasers are all local people, in many instances being tenants. The total sales were £8725 for 331 acres.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

ORANGE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

ORANGE, Wednesday.

The opening day broke dull and cold. Although the show is held later than usual, the entries are good. The season has been a dry one all over the district, and has affected agricultural exhibits. The splendid trophies shown, have come from Bathurst, having been exhibited at that show, and also at the recent Royal Show in Sydney. The attractive character of the agricultural pavilion is further enhanced by the very fine collection of agricultural and orchard produce from the Bathurst Experimental Farm. The quality of the sheep penned is very high, Messrs. E. Webb and Co., of Hathrop, and the Springfield Pastoral and Estates Company being the principal exhibitors. Some of the farmers' sheep ran larger exhibitors close. Mr. Wallace, of Cadia, has some grand Lincolns penned, whilst fats and crossbreds are good also. Owing to the evenness of most of the exhibits judging was not finished until nearly 6 o'clock. There is a fair drafting of pigs, but cattle pens are sparsely filled. The poultry pavilions are crowded, and the quality of the exhibits excellent, many of the best breeders competing. There is a fairly good show of horses, jumpers, trotters, and pacers being present in great numbers. Awards in the ring will not be published until the second day. The other pavilion is well stocked with miscellaneous exhibits.

Awards:—

Cattle.—Durhams—Bull: Dalton and Tates. Cow: E. Kerr, 1; Springfield P. and E. Company, 2. Herefords—A. J. Lane. Pen of three fat bullocks: A. T. Kerr, 1; E. A. Hamer, 2. Pen of three fat cows: A. E. Kerr. Fat ox: A. T. Kerr, 1 and 2. Fat cow: A. E. Kerr, 1 and 2. Durham heifer: Springfield P. and E. Company.

Sheep.—Merinoes.—Open classes.—Fine-wool ram, not over 1½yr: Springfield P. and E. Co., 1. Over 1½yr and not over 2½yrs: Springfield P. and E. Co., 1 and champion; E. Webb and Co., 2. Over 2½yrs: E. Webb and Co., 1; Springfield P. and E. Co., 2. Ewe, not over 1½yr: Springfield, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Over 1½yr and not over 2½yrs: E. Webb and Co., 1 and champion; Springfield, 2. Over 2½yrs: E. Webb and Co., 1; Springfield, 2. Strong-wool ram, not over 1½yr: Springfield, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Over 1½yr and not over 2½yrs: E. Webb and Co., 1 and champion. Not over 2½yrs: E. Webb and Co., 1 and 2. Ewe, not over 1½yr: Springfield, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Over 1½yr and not over 2½yrs: Springfield, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Over 2½yrs: Springfield, 1 and champion; E. Webb and Co., 2. Unhoused classes.—Fine-wool ram, not over 1½yr: Springfield, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Over 1½yr and not over 2½yrs: Springfield, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Over 2½yrs: E. Webb and Co., 1, 2, and champion. Ewe, not over 1½yr: Springfield. Over 1½yr and not over 2½yrs: Springfield, 1 and champion; E. Webb and Co., 2. Over 2½yrs: Springfield, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Over 2½yrs: Springfield, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Strong-wool ram, not over 1½yr: Springfield, 1 and champion; E. Webb and Co., 2. Over 1½yr and not over 2½yrs: Springfield, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Over 2½yrs: E. Webb and Co., 1; Springfield, 2. Ewe, not over 1½yr: Springfield, 1 and champion; E. Webb and Co., 2. Over 1½yr and not over 2½yrs: Springfield, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Over 2½yrs: Springfield, 1 and champion; E. Webb and Co., 2. Grand champion ram: Springfield P. and E. Co. Reserve grand champion: E. Webb and Co. Grand champion ewe: Springfield. Reserve grand champion: E. Webb and Co. Lincolns—J. A. Wallace, all prizes and champion. Fats.—Five merino wethers, five merino ewes, five coarse-woolled wethers: Glasson and Glasson. Five coarse-woolled ewes, five lambs: Thomas Walkom.

Pigs.—Berkshires—Boar: C. Blunt. Sow: J. Bowyer, 1; Mrs. Finnerty, 2. Sow, with litter: C. Blunt. Yorkshires—Boar: Hamilton Sons. Sow: H. Baker, 1; Mrs. Hamer, 2. Sow, with litter: Mrs. Hamer. Fat Berkshire: J. Bowyer. Fat Yorkshire: H. Baker, 1; Mrs. Hamer, 2.

Poultry.—The principal winners were:—Bonaventure Poultry Farm, J. Spratt, W. T. Sherringham, T. M. Lane, J. Davis, P. Laws, the Rev. R. Cameron, R. Thompson, J. Gale, W. J. Bennett, H. Bennett, G. Pearson, M. D. Sullivan, H. Perry, E. J. Ford, J. Middleton, A. H. Brain, R. Williams, W. Snipe, T. Nelson, C. H. Devenson, and C. Greenslade. Champion bird: Bonaventure Poultry Farm, with silver Wyandotte cockerel.

Dogs.—Cattle dog: R. Lawler. Bitch: L. Larance. Sable colley—Dog: Max Gain. Bitch: H. Brooke. Black and tan colley—Dog: J. W. Torpy. Kelpie—Dog: A. Propert. Bitch: C. McDonald. Barb dog: H. Sherlock. Fox terrier—Dog, smooth hair: P. Shannon. Bitch: H. Warren. Fox terrier dog, broken hair: J. McMurtrie.

Farm and Dairy Produce.—Milling wheat: G. Kable, 66½lb, 1; G. R. Baker, 65lb, 2; Reinhard Bros., 65½lb, 3. Manitoba wheat: Reinhard Bros., 62½lb, 1; D. McMillan, 61½lb, 2. Collection farm and dairy produce, trophy form: J. M. Cox, 1; G. Trevitt, 2. Soluto oats: G. R. Baker. Tartarian oats: T. W. Baker. Algerian oats: G. R. Baker. Malting barley: Reinhard Bros. Cape barley: Reinhard Bros. Rye: Reinhard Bros. Mammoth rye: C. Smith. Large maize, in cob: G. Kable. Small maize: G. Trevitt and Sons. Collection vegetables: J. N. Marsh. Hand-made butter: Miss Kerr. Separator butter: C. Loughnane. Home-cured ham: L. Larance. Factory-cured ham: Orange Co-operative Company. Bacon: Same awards. Cheese: Manus Cheese Factory.

MAITLAND.

SECOND DAY.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The Maitland show was continued to-day in beautiful weather. The attendance in the afternoon totalled upwards of 12,000. Special trains brought large crowds from Newcastle, also from Singleton. Mr. Robert Scobie (vice-president) occupied the chair at the luncheon, and amongst those present were Dr. Liddell, M.P. for the Hunter; Mr. George W. Fuller, M.P. for Illawarra; Mr. John Gillies, M.L.A.; the Mayor of West Maitland, Alderman W. J. Enright, Mr. Owen Gilbert (secretary of the Newcastle Association), and Mr. M. A. O'Callaghan (Government Dairy Expert). In the ring events Mr. G. Kiss, of Sydney, carried off the prize for the best trotter in harness. Mr. S. Arnott's fine mare Sylvia annexed the blue ribbon for trotting mar ein harness. Several jumping events were decided. In the Federal Plate there were four competitors. The hunter jumping pony contest, for ponies not over 14 hands, was won by J. and W. Logan's Killarney. Draughts were paraded to-day, and the quality spoke volumes for the reputation of the Hunter River Valley as a nursery of heavy breeds. The award for the champion draught horse on the ground was obtained by Mr. John Graham's Honour Bright. Poultry, pigeons, and canaries provided a show in themselves. The entries in the poultry division alone this year total upwards of 600. In fat stock, which was rather limited in numbers, Mr. J. K. Mackay, of Cangon, Dungog, and Mr. W. H. Mackay, of Anambah, were responsible for most of the prizes. Pigs showed improvement this year, especially in Berkshires. Mr. J. Lavis, of Bowthorne, appropriated the championship for the Berkshire boar. The same exhibitor also carried off the championship for the best sow, while most of the prizes in bacon classes also fell to him.

Following awards were made to-day:—

Driving and Riding Contests.—Lady driver: Mrs. W. J. Graham. Lady rider: Miss Maggie Moore. Girl rider, not over 13 years: Phyllis Traill. Boy rider, not over 13: J. Markwell. Ditto, not over 11: L. M'Kenzie Cole.

Fat Stock.—Ox, Durham, J. K. Mackay, 1 and champion. Ditto, any breed: W. H. Mackay. Cow, any breed: H. M'Dougall. Steer, under 3 years: W. H. Mackay. Three fat bullocks: J. K. Mackay. Fat Sheep.—Fine-woolled: G. Maher and Son. Ditto, coarse-woolled, I. Christian. Five fat lambs: G. Maher. Pigs.—Large breed: J. Lavis, 1; J. Pryke, 2. Three fat pigs: J. Lavis. Bacon pigs: J. Lavis, 1; W. Anderson, 2.

Pony High Jump, for ponies under 14 hands.—S. Barnett's Sabre. The winner, 12 hands high, cleared 4ft 4in, or 4in above his own height.

WAGGA POULTRY CLUB.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

The Wagga Poultry Club's show was formally opened to-day in the Central Markets. A large entry was received, and an excellent quality of birds was shown. Prizes were fairly well distributed, some going to Sydney, Goulburn, Benalla, Victoria, and Ballarat. Results:—

Black Orpington cock: R. H. Blamey, jun., 1; W. Wilson, 2. Ditto hen: H. Caddell, of Epping, 1 and champion; R. H. Blamey, 2. Ditto cockerel: W. Wilson, Wagga, 1 and champion bird of the show; H. Caddell, 2. Ditto pullet: Harold Caddell, 1; W. Wilson, 2. Buff Orpington cock: Mrs. C. A. Cannon, 1; W. Wilson, 2. Ditto hen: W. Wilson, 1 and first reserve champion, and also second. Ditto cockerel: W. Wilson, 1; H. Caddell, 2. Ditto pullet: W. Wilson, 1; H. Caddell, 2.

Silver Wyandotte cock: J. J. Ray, Brucedale, 1. Ditto hen: J. T. Holden, Gregardoo, 1; Vidler and Pike, 2. Ditto cockerel: Woodward Bros., 1; J. J. Ray, 2. Ditto pullet: J. J. Ray, 1 and 2. Golden Wyandotte cock: E. J. Lawrence, 1. Ditto hen: Vidler and Pike, 1; J. J. Ray, 2. Ditto cockerel: Mrs. C. H. Cannon, 1; Woodward Bros., 2. Ditto pullet: Mrs. Cannon, 1; E. J. Lawrence, 2. White Wyandotte cock: Mrs. C. Bye, of Goulburn, 1; G. H. Wallace, of Arncliffe, 2. Ditto hen: W. H. Sherwill, Benalla, 1; Mrs. C. Bye, 2. Ditto cockerel: B. Douglas, 1; W. H. Sherwill, 2. Partridge Wyandotte cock or cockerel: Woodward Bros., 1; Vidler and Pike, 2. Ditto hen or pullet: Vidler and Pike, 1 and 2.

Indian Game, cock: R. J. Hurst, 1. Ditto, hen: Vidler and Pike, 1; F. Nichols, 2. Ditto, cockerel: R. Hurst, 1; Vidler and Pike, 2. Ditto, pullet: R. J. Hurst, 1; Vidler and Pike, 2.

Minorca, cock or cockerel: H. Caddell, 1; R. J. Hurst, 2. Ditto, hen or pullet: H. Caddell, 1; Woodward Bros., 2.

White Leghorn, cock: T. N. Ayling, 1; Dorchester Farm, 2. Ditto, hen: A. Nichols, of Goulburn, 1; Dorchester Farm, 2. Ditto, cockerel: A. Nichols, 1 and reserve champion; E. Mills, Goulburn, 2. Ditto, pullet: A. Messervy, 1; J. J. Crummy, 2.

Brown Leghorn, cock: W. G. Maher, Goulburn, 1. Ditto, hen: W. G. Maher, 1. Ditto, cockerel: W. G. Maher, 1; Woodward Bros., 2. Ditto, pullet: W. G. Maher, 1 and 2. There were also several miscellaneous classes.

HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES.

The 1906 number of "Burdett's Hospitals and Charities," edited by Sir Henry Burdett (the Scientific Press) is full of interesting information. This information, so far as it concerns Australia, would be more voluminous and more charity-provoking if only it were kept up to date. We may not blame for this the editor and publishers in London—we must hold blameworthy the authorities of hospitals in Australia. Take, for instance, the New South Wales hospitals, of which particulars are given in this book. There are some 125 of these hospitals mentioned, no regard being had in this section to lunatic asylums or so forth. Of these 125 institutions returns are published of only 48, the paid or honorary secretaries of the hospitals not finding it worth their while to forward particulars of the working of the establishments in which they are concerned. We notice with pleasure that the Sydney hospitals are forward with their returns but a number of country institutions which receive public aid are too busy or too lazy to give an account of what their institutions are doing or have done. It might be well to make it a condition of a Government grant that details of the work done should be regularly supplied to the authorities for transmission to the publishers of "Burdett's Hospitals and Charities"—or any other publishers who interest themselves in this matter—if only for the sake of giving people in the old country some idea of the efforts we put forward here in behalf of the sick. The editor of this invaluable book is decidedly of opinion that too much use is made of hospitals by persons who could well afford to be treated in their own homes. Both medical practitioners and the general public have their say in this matter; the medical men because they are invited to treat cases free of charge which should have been submitted to them privately, and the general public because the available space in hospitals being occupied by patients who could well afford to be treated privately, there is no room available for the persons for whose use public hospitals were founded.

COUNTRY MUNICIPALITIES.

EDEN, Wednesday.

The Eden Progress Association regarding as unsuited to local conditions the proposed improvement at the Public school, for which tenders are invited, has decided to make application for a modification of the plans, to provide for the retention and utilisation as class-rooms of buildings proposed to be removed. The association has urged that for less than the cost of demolition and removal the buildings referred to could be converted into class rooms, which are badly needed in connection with the existing school building.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.

Mr. I. B. Beasley is the only candidate nominated for the extraordinary vacancy in the municipal council, caused by the resignation of Alderman Sindel, for West Ward.

The council is urging the Commonwealth postal authorities to abolish the late fee of 1d charged on letters posted in the letter-box at the railway station between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., and to provide a second box, in which letters may be posted at any time without incurring a late fee.

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THE GOVERNOR'S SOUTHERN TOUR.

YASS, Wednesday.

A public meeting was held this afternoon for the purpose of welcoming the State Governor and Miss Rawson to Yass. It was decided to meet them a few miles out of town, and hold a conversazione in the evening.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S WESTERN TOUR.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

A special meeting of the council was held to-night for the purpose of arranging a welcome to the Governor-General. The Mayor (Alderman E. T. Webb) explained that yesterday he received a telegram from Mr. Harkness announcing the arrival of his Excellency on May 8, and stating that Mr. Young, member for Bathurst, had been advised of the matter on April 10. No intimation of this had been conveyed to the council. A resolution was passed to present the Governor-General with an address. A meeting of citizens has been called for to-morrow night.

BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The municipal council last night carried the following resolution.—"That we at once approach the Minister with a view of procuring a supplementary water supply for Broken Hill and district; that a committee of the council wait on Messrs. Cann and Griffith, Ms.L.A., when visiting Broken Hill next week, and report to the council."

HORTICULTURAL SHOWS.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The first autumn show in connection with the Horticultural Society was opened this evening. As compared with the spring show, held in October, this is greatly in advance. Over 400 entries were received. With few exceptions every class was represented. The blooms are exceptionally fine, while the pot plants are varied and choice. Mr. Knaus, of Granville, the judge, spoke in complimentary terms of the show, stating that he never expected to see anything like it in Bathurst. He mentioned the chrysanthemums and roses, which he said were fit to exhibit in any part of the State

PRESENTATION TO A STATIONMASTER.

TENTERFIELD, Wednesday.

Mr. H. Dengate, who had been railway station-master for the past seven years, but has been promoted to Campbelltown, was accorded a send-off at the Royal Hotel last evening, and presented, on behalf of the townspeople, with a silver tea and coffee service. The Mayor occupied the chair, and spoke in praise of Mr. Dengate's uniform courtesy and efficiency. Several of the leading business people also spoke similarly, and special reference was made to the interest Mr. Dengate had shown in the local School of Arts, the committee of which has also presented a piece of plate. Mr. Dengate's successor is Mr. Harwin, formerly of Whitton.

THE HOSPITALS.

SINGLETON, Wednesday.

Four plans were submitted for the proposed new hospital. It was decided at to-night's meeting of the committee to refer those of Mr. Cyril Blackett and Messrs. Spain and Cosh to a board, comprising the three local doctors, also Dr. Read, of Sydney, and Mr. A. A. Dangar, who will recommend to the committee the adoption of one.

THE CHURCHES.

BEGA, Wednesday.

A chrysanthemum show in aid of the Presbyterian manse funds was opened at the School of Arts to-day, but owing to clashing with the Bemboka show it was not as well attended as it otherwise might have been.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

A flower show in connection with the Methodist Church was opened in the rink to-day. The exhibits of chrysanthemums, fancy work, and vegetables, were particularly good. Miss J. Beatson, South Grafton, took the prize for the best decorated table.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

The flower show in connection with St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was opened to-day.

YOUNG, Wednesday.

A large and representative meeting of parishioners of St. John's Church of England was held in the school hall yesterday afternoon, the occasion being a farewell to Mr. G. E. Menlove, who for the past 15 months has acted as lay-reader and curate to the Rev. J. Pike, rector, and is now retiring to enter the Goulburn Training College for the ministry, recently established by Dr. Barlow, Bishop of Goulburn. The Rev. J. Pike presided, and in the course of an eloquent address referred to the zeal and ability displayed by Mr. Menlove, and assured him of the best wishes of himself and adherents of the Church of England, concluding by handing Mr. Menlove a purse of sovereigns, which he said would be useful during his college term. Messrs. Gordon, Burstal, and Whiteman, church wardens, having added their testimony, Mr. Menlove returned thanks, and hoped he would justify the good wishes of his friends.

YASS, Wednesday.

Between 60 and 70 members of the Church of England met at the rectory this afternoon and gave a kitchen tea to Mrs. Martin. Mr. A. C. Wood, on behalf of the ladies, presented a large number of useful articles. Mrs. Martin and the canon thanked those present for their kindness.

WINDSOR, Wednesday.

The congregation of the Methodist Church, Windsor, gave a welcome social to the Rev. James Colwell, who has taken charge of the Windsor circuit as successor to the Rev. Henry Jones, in the School Hall on Tuesday evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. John Lane, circuit steward, and addresses of welcome were given by Mr. Board, Mr. Pinkstone, and Mr. Buttsworth. Mr. Colwell replied on behalf of himself and his wife.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

The Quarter Sessions were commenced yesterday, before Judge Rogers. Edward Bollard West Wyalong, was charged with a capital offence. He was defended by Mr. W. T. Coonan. Mr. Merewether represented the Crown. The case lasted all day. The jury, after being locked up four hours, returned a verdict of not guilty.

MONTEAGLE SHOOTING CASE.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

A subscription list, in aid of Munro, the victim of the Monteagle shooting case, for which the sentence of death was recorded against the youth Hembrow, has been opened. The Mayor is acting as treasurer.

ALLEGED SLY-GROG SELLING.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

At the police court to-day, William Bertram was charged with sly-grog selling at Stephens Creek on Easter Monday, and was fined £30, or three months' imprisonment. A stay of proceedings was granted.

FORBES, Wednesday.

The burial yesterday of Mr. Algernon Claude Prow cast a gloom over the town. He was aged 33, the second son of the late Mr. Charles Prow, and brother of the Mayoress. He was attacked with pleurisy eight weeks ago. Deceased was a great favourite, and the funeral was very largely attended.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

Works are being established at Bexhill, near Lismore, for the manufacture of bricks, large numbers of which have been imported from Brisbane and Sydney during the last 12 months. Machinery is now on the way out. It is expected that a commencement will be made in about two months.

At the police court to-day Duncan McPherson was committed for trial on a charge of horse-stealing.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

Mr. D. Sheargold, who is about to take a trip to the old country, was entertained in the Methodist school hall last night, and presented with a travelling bag. He has been a resident of Lithgow for 29 years.

The result of the ballot for the election of officers of the Miners' Association was as follows:—President, Mr. A. Luchetti; treasurer, Mr. W. Delaney; secretary, Mr. E. Truscott (unopposed); auditors, Messrs. W. Kirby and W. Hutchinson.

MILLTHORPE, Wednesday.

Mr. William Waring, a resident of Forest Reefs for the past 40 years, died on Monday, aged 75. Mrs. Dickson, of Tallwood, died on Tuesday, aged 86.

WALLERAWANG, Wednesday.

A farewell smoke concert was tendered to Bro. S. L. Baxter, Past Master, by the officers and brethren of the Lily of the West Lodge of Free Gardeners on Tuesday night on the eve of his departure for England. During the evening Bro. Baxter was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

WINDSOR, Wednesday.

The opening of the Windsor Golf Club took place on Saturday. A foursomes competition was played, resulting in a tie between Miss Young and Mr. C. T. Musson, and Miss Sands and Mr. R. N. Beasley, with 50 each, 9 holes.

"CLEMENTS"—the Corn Flour with nutty flavour.
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BIRTHS.

NOSSITER.—April 23, at Normanhurst, Granville, the wife of T. B. Nossiter—a daughter.
WHITE.—April 10, at Merton, Denman, the wife of E. Regd. White—a son.

DEATHS.

ANDERSON.—April 24, 1906, at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. Newton, No. 3 Wardell-road, Petersham, Douglas Marr, the dearly beloved husband of Florence Anderson, Cyathea, Stanley, Tasmania, also eldest son of the late George Anderson, stipendiary magistrate, Tasmania.
BOWIE.—April 25, 1906, suddenly, Jessie Bowie, of 53 Forbes-street, Newtown.
GLASGOW.—April 23, at Perth, Western Australia, Bella, beloved wife of William G. Glasgow and daughter of the late Capt. Greenlees, Waterloo, Sydney, of typhoid fever.
HUBAND.—April 25, at the residence of her son-in-law, H. Harley, 178 Princes-street, Sydney, Emma, relict of the late John Huband, in her 75th year. At rest.
SELLAR.—April 25, 1906, suddenly, at Wahroonga, Alexander Sellar, of Crown-street, Surry Hills, aged 69 years.
SMAIL.—April 25, at her residence, Mount Lee, 64 Margaret-street, Petersham, Jane, dearly loved wife of the late Alexander Smail, formerly of Miller's Point, and second daughter of the late James Smith, of Bank-street, Chippendale, aged 62 years.
TELFER.—April 25, at her residence, No. 2 Church-street, Balmain, the dearly loved wife of David Telfer, aged 68 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BELL.—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear son, Thomas H. Bell, who departed this life April 26, 1906, at 17 King-street, Balmain. To memory ever dear. Inserted by his loving parents, William and Helen Bell.
BURNS.—In loving remembrance of William Burns, who departed this life April 26, 1902. Inserted by his loving wife and family.
CARROLL.—A tribute of love to the memory of my dearly-beloved mother, who departed this life on April 26, 1903, at her residence, Stapleton, Wagga Wagga. Sweet Jesus have mercy on her soul. Inserted by her loving daughter, Annie H. Carroll.
COEN.—In sad memory of Michael Coen, J.P., who died at Yass, April 26, 1896. R.I.P.
FORD.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, James Ford, who died April 26, 1905. Inserted by his loving wife and children. Peace, perfect peace.
GOLDING.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Martha Golding, who died April 26, 1905, aged 84 years. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, H. and J. Olsen.
GOLDING.—In ever-loving memory of our dear mother, Martha Golding, who died April 26, 1905. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, M. and A. M'Dougall.
GUNTER.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son, Frank Stephen Gunter, who departed this life April 26, 1905, at 23 Central Park-road, London, aged 27 years.

He was loved when in our midst,
And now he's mourned sincere;
Until that day we follow him
We'll keep his memory dear.

Inserted by his sorrowing parents, G. and S. Gunter, William-street, Canterbury.
GUNTER.—In sad but loving memory of our dear brother, Frank Stephen Gunter, who departed this life April 26, 1905, at 23 Central Park-road, London, aged 27 years.

Far away in the dark, cold grave he is sleeping,
Our brother, the dearest and best.
Hushed be all sorrow and weeping,
Our darling is only at rest.

Inserted by his loving brothers and sisters, Will, Harry, Pearl, and Stella.
GUNTER.—In loving remembrance of Frank Stephen Gunter, who died in England, April 26, 1905.

He was loved when in our midst,
And now he's mourned sincere,
Until that day we follow him,
We'll keep his memory dear.

Inserted by his loving aunt, L. Burton.
HYLAND.—In sad but loving memory of my beloved husband, Luke Hyland, who fell asleep in Jesus April 26, 1905. A. A. H.
SIMPSON.—In sad and loving memory of my dear husband and our father, John Simpson, who departed this life April 26, 1902, late of Camperdown and Etna Foundry, Drummoyne. Inserted by his loving wife and family.
WILKIE.—In loving remembrance of my dear mother, who departed this life at Balmain on April 26th, 1905. Rest in heaven, mother, dear; there is no peace on earth. Inserted by her loving daughter, Eveline.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. MURRELL and FAMILY desire to return their sincere THANKS to those kind friends who assisted them in their recent sad bereavement; also to the many kind friends who sent telegrams, letters, and floral tributes in token of sympathy.
Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED MOON desire to return their sincere THANKS to all kind friends for all tokens of sympathy received in their late sad bereavement.

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DESTRUCTION OF SAN FRANCISCO.
PICTURES OF THE ONCE BEAUTIFUL CITY.
THIS WEEK'S SYDNEY MAIL.

The Sydney Mail of Wednesday, the 25th instant, aims at showing the magnificence of San Francisco—the magnificence that was! Nine pages of the illustrated section are devoted to pictures of the buildings, the gardens, and the harbour outlook of the ruined city. The story of their destruction is told from point to point, and certainly never in memory has there been so much tragedy and pathos suggested by unimaginative illustrations that in themselves are extremely beautiful. Here was the city—one of the many glories of the American people. In the lines underneath the pictures is the story of their destruction by earth-quakings and fire.

The Sydney Mail of Wednesday will stand as a souvenir issue of the greatest tragedy by natural convulsion that has befallen civilised America. There is a large Australian "colony" in San Francisco, and the relations between Sydney and the fallen city have been close. For that reason, apart from the general consternation at the appalling tragedy of a few days ago, there will be keen interest in the attractive set of pictures that The Sydney Mail presents to its readers.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1906.

MR. REID'S PROGRAMME.

The policy which Mr. Reid has just enunciated at the conference of the Victorian Farmers' League has the conspicuous merits of straightforwardness and perspicuity. It vindicates the claim of the leader of the Opposition to be regarded as the spokesman of Australian Liberalism as against the socialistic influences at work within the Commonwealth. The situation has been to a considerable extent made and built up for Mr. Reid, but it is to his credit as a skilful tactician that he has risen to the occasion thus presented. The opportunity for drawing together the scattered units and parties of which the Liberal following is made up is an excellent one. Mr. Deakin's blunders have cleared the field, and at this farmers' conference indisputable evidence is given that moderate men of intelligence and commonsense with a real stake in the country are not only willing but ready to make a stand against the tendency towards political demoralisation which has set in. Mr. Deakin may protest and explain as he pleases, or as he endeavours to do, in the remarks we publish this morning; but in a case like this facts speak stronger than words. The solid fact in the present instance is the combination of Victorian farmers and producers with the Australian National Women's League in that State and the Victorian Employers' Federation. This union of forces is but the outward sign of a general movement on the part of public opinion, weary of the strain which has been placed on its patience by the political events of the past 12 months. What this awakened public opinion wants and demands is well expressed in a couple of sentences from our report of the president's remarks at the conference. "They hoped with the aid of the alliance," he said, "to secure as their representatives in Parliament men of wide experience, men who had progressive ideas and liberal minds"—"men of honour, who would not sacrifice in any degree the principles they had asserted on the hustings for any temporary acquisition of power or the emoluments of office."

But the mere desire for a better class of men is not enough. There must be something definite in the nature of a programme or policy, to give this desire practical application. Up to the present there has been some hesitation about putting this forward, in view of the fact that the Federal general election is still about six months off. But what has recently happened has changed the outlook, and forced the hands of all parties. Mr. Deakin has turned up his cards, without impressing anybody with their value. Mr. Watson has been forced by the Prime Minister on the one side and the Labour leagues on the other into declaring himself definitely. And now Mr. Reid, addressing these Victorian farmers, lays down in clear terms the lines on which he hopes to fight the battle of National Liberalism through the next session of Parliament and the general election which is to follow. The coming session has been aptly described as a hustings session. Not much actual business is expected, and the speeches made will be addressed to the people outside. In point of fact, the battle of the elections has already begun, the session will continue it, and there should be nothing left but to collect the votes of the people by the time Parliament is brought to a close. What is required is a straight and easily-understood issue to vote upon. The Watson party defines it as out-and-out socialism. The Prime Minister tries to make out a case for something that can only be called Deakinism. Mr. Reid's policy, though it is formulated in twenty distinct planks, really resolves itself into one, and that is sufficiently expressed in the first. All the rest are but indications of ways and means to that end—some of them direct, and others embodying a broader sweep and more statesmanlike view over the problems that vex the federation's peace. Among these the thoughtful reader will note the reference to the impending conflict between Federal and State politics, and on this we cannot do better than refer to the resolution of the Victorian farmers which we published yesterday; to the effect that in view of the domination of the Federal Parliament by Labour Socialists the league pledged itself to support the State Parliaments in their efforts to maintain State rights.

It will be seen that in reference to this important question, Mr. Reid's policy aims at the removal of distrust and irritation between State and Commonwealth authorities, and the extension of the Braddon clause. The one is expressed in general terms, but the other is precise and to the point. It may be read in conjunction with the resolution adopted by the Victorian Farmers' Conference which we have just quoted, and the subject may be left at that stage. Coming to the other planks of this platform, we find a fiscal truce advocated. It is a sound suggestion. Why, it may be asked in all wonderment, should Federal electors who are united in opposition to a wild and experimental socialism, which is the real danger of the moment, be divided by a quite subordinate difference of opinion as to whether import duties should be higher or lower, or brought to a fairly uniform average? The question is childlike in view of the major issue. It may suit the purpose of the Labour Socialists, already closely organised for the coming campaign, to keep such a question open as a means of dividing the Liberal forces and splitting the solidarity of the Liberal vote, so that the result of the general election will be to give Labour influence a new lease of power in the new Parliament. But it is almost incredible that the electors, whether free-trade or protectionist, will allow themselves to be deluded by so transparent an artifice. They must agree among themselves, if only temporarily, if Liberalism is to make a stand against socialism. If Mr. Deakin will not agree to come in under terms of truce, the protectionists of Victoria who believe in sound government will perhaps see their way to follow the patriotic examples set by Mr. M'Lean and of Sir George Turner. It is at any rate apparent that the Liberalism of Victoria, like that of New South Wales, is content to accept Mr. Reid as its leader. The good work he has done in addressing meetings and organising public opinion throughout the sister State is now beginning to bear fruit, and the electors with a stake in the country and an interest in its permanent prosperity are ranging themselves on the right side. Mr. Deakin's reply this morning to the Reid policy is a mere babble of words against a statement of solid principles and facts. We want certain legislation repealed, certain things done, and certain tendencies counteracted. Mr. Reid's policy shows how these desirable objects are to be achieved.

THE VICTORIES OF IRRIGATION.

It is early yet to advertise the victories of irrigation in New South Wales, and yet the start made with the Barren Jack scheme as noted in our news columns this morning has enough promise in it to warrant a measure of jubilation. The State is in the position of a man with vast potentialities of wealth in his estate, who is in doubt as to the best way of beginning to develop it. A beginning, therefore, represents decision of a sort, and stands for success. Mistakes may be made, and false starts are always possible; but given the determination to get going in the right direction, there will be no question as to the results. It is always true, of course, that irrigation in Australia must be attacked along lines of its own; and in this respect Australian problems cannot be solved by referring to Indian, or Egyptian, or American experience. But when men like Sir Samuel McCaughey take them in hand, and a sympathetic Government listens to their proposals, there is some chance of the satisfactory beginning in irrigation which must mean so much to the man on the land everywhere throughout the dry sections of the State. The trouble in the past has been that our Government would not accept responsibility in either storing or distributing water for irrigation. While Victoria has been steadily diverting water from the Murray and demonstrating the value of irrigation in enhanced prices for land wherever it could be secured, New South Wales has been marking time or falling back into placid sleep after vigorously talking about what should be done. Now we actually have word that the Murrumbidgee is being put into harness, and the Government is to be congratulated that it has been able to pluck up sufficient courage to co-operate with Sir Samuel McCaughey at this late hour in the day.

The policy outlined by the Minister for Works at the formal opening of the Cudgel Creek gravitation works is worthy of the occasion and of the State, if only we can be sure that the broad principle of the greatest good to the greatest number is adhered to. Mr. Lee declared that "the Government would be trifling with the people if it allowed them to suppose that that work was the beginning of the end. He wished it to be clearly understood from him that it was only a stepping-stone towards the greater scheme." The Barren Jack scheme in its entirety is to give more water than ever to the people lower down under the lowest possible conditions of the river. More water is to be released daily, and delivered at the off-take at Narrandera to flow down the Murrumbidgee River for all purposes, "than there has ever been under similar weather and river conditions." The Minister clinched this by asserting that the scheme would give the settlers, now somewhat doubtful about their prospects under any scheme of diversion, a continuous flow for stock and domestic purposes, even in the worst possible drought. There was applause at this point, and it can be understood how forcibly the statement would appeal to those who have been fighting drought so desperately, and who want to be sure that their interests will be conserved by the activity of the Government in co-operation with Sir Samuel McCaughey higher up the river. But even now it may be asked whether the Minister intends to place intensive culture before everything, because he has given indications from time to time of a desire to duplicate or triplicate Mildura, and to think more of fruit production on a large scale than of serving an increasing number of farmers with stock to water and crops to save. The signs, however, are so far favourable to a forward policy in the right direction. At any rate, the start has been made, and the occasion celebrated yesterday may well be heralded as historic. The encomiums of the community are due to Sir Samuel McCaughey for his enterprise and persistency, and to the Government for its courage in at last responding to the call for action. All that is now needed is the foresight and insight which shall conserve the public interests and turn the dry regions of the State into fruitful and delightful homesteads.

VICTORIA'S MODEST CLAIM.

It seems but fair, since Mr. Bent has been over into this State with the idea of gaining information, that Victoria should proceed to set New South Wales right in respect to the entire boundary between the two States. Mr. Bent, it is true, went through the Monaro district and expressed himself as much surprised and gratified that so much good country and such agreeable neighbours should be so close to Melbourne. He had apparently no idea that the world under the Southern Cross was so elevated or so accessible. Why should it not receive the best of blessings in a branch railway to the southern metropolis? The question was in a sense written all over his trip, though there was nothing unfriendly in the way it was asked and answered. The dispassionate observer was reminded more of the phosphorescence in tropic seas than of the definite lightning flash of a "stand and deliver" as the Victorian State Premier played the role of the guest, and pleased a section of the people of this State by bluff speech and outspoken comment. But now we perceive that the trip was just a jaunt preliminary to a grand proposition intended to cover Riverina as well as Monaro. We are to lose our Kosciusko to Victoria, with the Snowy River and the Snowy Mountains, and the Federal capital sites at Tumut and Dalgety as so much detail: but the Murrumbidgee must be taken as the real objective. Since Mr. Bent has got back the Melbourne people have been seriously asked to consider whether a great mistake has not been made. It is true that Mr. Bent does not identify himself with the matter, but that is by the way. If the people of Victoria discover that the northern boundary of their State should be moved many miles nearer the equator so as to take in the Riverina district, their Premier may possibly find that he knew all about the truth a decade ago.

What is now of such moment to Victoria is the reported discovery of a mistake which makes the mother State something of a brigand—or, at any rate, a purloiner of other people's children. It is to be a case for another King Solomon. It is a new version of the claim which some folk in Queensland have gravely advanced, connecting it with the venerable name of Dr. Lang. The Clarence, so we are told, was intended as the southern boundary of the northern State; and but for unnecessary opposition when the new colony was gazetted, New South Wales would have been so much the poorer by the Tweed, Richmond, and Clarence Rivers. The argument is, of course, so plausible that Queensland has only to dig into the records and present her claim, and we are bound to signify our willingness to surrender the pearl of our possessions. So also with Victoria's suggestion, that a mistake was made in taking the Murray as the boundary between the two States, when something quite different was intended, we must at once accept the inevitable. Riverina is a most desirable district, geographically bound up with the southern State, and no statesman in his senses could ever have intended to keep it an integral part of New South Wales. The Murrumbidgee is the true boundary between the States, and as such was noted by the people who carved out Victoria. Why dispute the question? Moreover, New South Wales has surrendered so much for federation that she cannot possibly object to giving up a little more It only means 30,000 square miles of fertile land! Victoria has already practically secured the Federal capital, and has laid heavy hands upon the Federal administration in all its branches. Why should she not take the Monaro and Riverina districts to make sure of both for all time? Mr. Bent is taking counsel's opinion on this mare's nest, and all we have to say is that counsel should have been instructed on the 1st of April, not in this sober end of the month.

Treasury Bills.—It is notified in yesterday's "Government Gazette" that 3½ per cent. Treasury Bills under the Act No. 46 of 1899, maturing on June 1 next, may, if the holders so desire, be exchanged, at par, for the new issue of Bills under the Treasury Bills Redemption Act, 1904, bearing interest at 3½ per cent. per annum, with a currency of five years. Bills desired to be exchanged should be lodged at the Stock Office, the Treasury, ex June coupon, seven days before date of maturity. Bills of the new issue not exchanged will be available for purchase on and after June 1.

The Anniversary of Cook.—Saturday next will mark the 136th anniversary of Captain Cook's first contact with Australian soil, and the trustees of the reserve within which the landing place is situated are arranging to modestly, yet appropriately, mark the event. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Harry Rawson, will be amongst the guests, and will during the afternoon perform the ceremony of "breaking" the flag. The ex-man-o'-war Dart, manned by a crew from the nautical school-ship Sobraon, will be "dressed" in honour of the occasion, and will lie at anchor off the reserve in the vicinity of the spot where Cook's ship Endeavour first anchored so many years ago. The flag will be saluted during the afternoon from the batteries at Bare Island, and another attraction will be the presence on the ground of the band of the Sobraon. A similar commemoration was held last year, and it is hoped that the celebration will in future be an annual one, if only for the purpose of reviving a thoughtful interest on the part of the public in the exploits of the intrepid navigator to whom all who live in Australia owe so much. The Australian Natives' Association have patriotically undertaken the decoration of Cook's statue in Hyde Park, and in the evening the combined Royal Australian Artillery and New South Wales Police Bands, numbering 60 or 70 performers, under the baton of Bandmaster Bentley, will render a programme of appropriate music from the band rotunda in the park. In connection with the ceremonies at Kurnell, it is notified, for the information of the general public who desire to be present, that excursion steamers will ply between the piers at Botany and La Perouse and the scene of action.

Coal Mines Regulation Act.—An examination for certificates of competency under the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, was held at Sydney on April 18, 19, 20, and 21. The following candidates have been reported by the examiners (Messrs. W. Humble, F.G.S., T. Parton, F.G.S., and A. E. O. Sellers, M.E.) to have passed their examinations satisfactorily:—First-class or manager's certificate: Reginald Heath Stokes, James Mathieson, Joseph Seymour Rowe, and Richard Gibson. Second-class or under-manager's certificate: Robert Horne, Peter Dick Duncan, William Bower, William Pettigrew, Richard Barton, Charles Benjamin Lovell Ross, George Ross, Peter Finlayson.

Cobar Water Supply.—Cobar supplies one more unhappy instance of the cost of departmental works outrunning the estimates. The Government undertook to give the town a water suply for £18,000, and the council prepared to meet an interest bill on that amount. Now it appears that no less than £26,000 has been spent on the works which had been estimated to cost not much more than half that amount, and interest on the larger figures is being demanded. If the demand has to be met the ratepayers will find themselves saddled with a burden considerably heavier than they bargained for, and in their interests Mr. John Leah, the Mayor, who is at present in Sydney, will probably interview the Premier on his return to the city this week.

The High Court.—The sittings of the High Court will be resumed this morning at Darlinghurst Courthouse. There are still 13 cases to be disposed of.

Collusion, etc, in Divorce.—When Mr. Justice Simpson took his seat in divorce jurisdiction yesterday his Honor supplemented his remarks of the previous day on the subject of collusion in suits for dissolution of marriages, more particularly when they were undefended, and the suppression of material facts, which, in the interests of justice, should come within the cognisance either of the Court or the Crown Solicitor before the decree absolute was pronounced. The Act provided that any person, not a party to the cause, might give information to the Crown Solicitor of any matters material to the decision in the cause, in addition to collusion or connivance. If, for instance, there had been a suppression during the progress of a case of any material facts, and those facts were known to any member of the public, they ought, in the interests of justice, to be communicated to the Crown Solicitor. His Honor stated further that it was important that this provision of the law should be generally known, because the large majority of divorce suits were undefended, and in a great many cases the respondents were not served at all. Affidavits were filed, which might or might not be true, but, if uncontradicted, they must be accepted, and substituted service granted. It would thus be seen how important it was that where any member of the public was aware of collusion, connivance, or the existence of material facts which had been suppressed by the petitioner, the information should be communicated to the Court before the decree nisi was made absolute.

A Case Under the Liquor Act.—The maxim that "hard cases make bad law" is one well appreciated in legal circles; but a matter was brought before Mr. Justice Pring yesterday, in which his Honor found that he could consistently apply the law in order to relieve an hotel licensee named Alfred Broadhead, who had been unjustly convicted. He was prosecuted for permitting liquor to be sold on his premises during prohibited hours, and it was proved that he was seriously ill and confined to his bed at the time, and knew nothing of the breach of the law. His wife, who was in charge of the hotel, gave her son by a former marriage the key of the bar, in order that he might clean that portion of the premises, and she strictly enjoined him not to serve any liquor. He, however, disregarded the injunction, and a police prosecution, conviction, and fine ensued. Broadhead appealed yesterday on the ground that he did not permit liquor to be sold within the meaning of the 63rd section of the Liquor Act of 1898, and that the person who sold the liquor was not his employee or agent on the occasion in question. His Honor upheld this view, and sustained the appeal, but refused costs, on the ground that, as there had been a breach of the law, the police were justified in prosecuting.

Marriage by a Registrar.—On more than one occasion during the last divorce sittings it transpired that marriages had been performed by a registrar of births, marriages, and deaths, but the petitioner did not appear to be aware that in such cases it was necessary to satisfy the official named that the parties to the contract objected to being united in the orthodox way by a minister. Yesterday a woman who was seeking for dissolution of her marriage, which had taken place at a registry office, said that she had made no such declaration or affirmation, and, in fact, had no objection to being wedded in church. Mr. Justice Simpson, referring to this admission, said that registrars should be careful in seeing that the responsibility cast upon them was carried out.

Arbitration and Jurisdiction.—In a matter before the Arbitration Court yesterday, in which the Newcastle Wharf Labourers' Union applied to have a date fixed for the hearing of a dispute, the question of jurisdiction came up. The President, Judge Heydon, stated that if the seven men concerned were not in the employ of the respondents (Messrs. Hudson, Livingstone, and West) on March 21st, the date of the filing of the dispute, the Court could have no jurisdiction, in the face of the decision of the High Court in the Pelaw-Main case. Mention was made by Mr. Wright, the employers' representative on the Bench, of the men being employed at "casual labour." This remark caused some confusion in the mind of the secretary of the union, Mr. J. W. Blundell, who was in the box. "I do not wonder at your being puzzled," remarked the Judge, "we have to consider judgments and we are often puzzled." The secretary said his men were getting sick of the delay. His Honor informed the witness that his union had no reason to complain, because of the fact that when the Arbitration Court, in the early part of its existence, put others out, and put members of the union in, it took this action entirely without jurisdiction. "So you scored there," added his Honor. The hearing of the case was adjourned till Friday, to enable the secretary to prove that the men were in the respondents' employ on March 21st last.

Riverina Under Closer Settlement.—Conserved water, conveyed by gravitation, to irrigate the lands of Riverina, where the water supply is an all too uncertain quantity, is to make the splendid belt of country one of the gardens of the earth. So Mr. Lee, the Minister for Works, told the people of Narrandera yesterday, when he stood on the sluice-box of the Bundidigerry Creek, and let the waters which had been dammed up in that anabranch of the Murrumbidgee rush forth through the Cudgel Creek cutting to join the creek itself, and thence find its way to Yanco station. The scheme has so far more of a direct private than public interest, because it has been financed by and is to irrigate the lands of Sir Samuel McCaughey; but Mr. Lee very truly said that its lesson to the State will be of enormous value as a guide in connection with the Barren Jack scheme. The Minister's visit had a twofold object. He wanted to start the first Government scheme of irrigation by gravitation, and he also wanted to traverse some of the country which is to be served by the Barren Jack reservoir. In the evening there was a banquet to the Minister, and this morning he was to start at daybreak on his tour of inspection.

Martin-place.—The buildings to be erected by the University authorities on the vacant land in Martin-place should make that thoroughfare, architecturally, one of great attractiveness. A wealth of art and enterprise has been bestowed upon this central square; but whilst the magnificent structures which now vie with the General Post Office cannot fail to excite admiration, they at the same time serve to emphasise the incompleteness of the existing block and the incongruity of inartistic advertisement placards. The vacancy in the street is to be filled up with some approach to architectural uniformity; and the beautiful new facade (which is to ornament Martin-place on the north side) with towering gables (the apexes of which will be 135ft from the pavement), green slate roof, will be carried out in dressed stone, with moulded string-course and a base of polished trachyte. An arcade on the eastern half will be supported by columns of this splendid Australian stone, which will also be employed at the large ground-floor windows in the western half. The details of this design have been admirably worked out, so as to preserve the symmetry and consistency of the block. Internally the arrangements, whilst not extravagantly sumptuous, will be at least artistic as far as art and practical utility may be blended in an essentially commercial undertaking. The main entrance will be lined and floored with New South Wales marble, and will have swing doors and screens in cedar, with repousse copper panels and bevelled plate-glass. The staircases—irrespective of two lifts which will give access to all parts of the building—will be in marble, with wrought-iron balusters. The basement will be used as a central railway parcels office, the lower ground floor as a central booking office, the upper ground floor as a tourist bureau and for agricultural display, the first floor as a Lands information office and intelligence department, and the western half and other parts of the great building for general purposes.

Treatment of Copper Ores.—The Government some time ago arranged to make assays from trial parcels of copper ores, with the object of assisting prospecting parties in the development of copper lodes. Arrangements were made with various smelting works for the treatment of specimen parcels, but the offer has been taken advantage of only to a limited extent, probably owing to the fact that comparatively few miners are aware of the steps taken for their assistance. Under the regulations framed some time ago an official is sent to see to the parcelling of the samples, and besides arranging for the treatment of the ore the Department of Mines undertakes to have a check assay made. Miners desirous of availing themselves of the opportunity to have reliable tests of their ore made may obtain all necessary information by communicating with the Mines Department.

Pupil Teachers.—Several letters have appeared in the press recently complaining that increases due to pupil teachers as a result of the last examinations have been withheld by the Department of Public Instruction. Mr. O'Conor states that arrangements have been made to pay the whole of the increases, and teachers who passed the examination have been notified to apply for their arrears—that is, the difference between the salary they have been drawing and the amount they were entitled to draw. The examinations were held about the middle of September, when 800 candidates sat. Thirteen different subjects were set, and the scrutinising of 10,000 examination papers provided a task that could not be disposed of in a day. As soon as the results were known the department notified the candidates with as little delay as possible, and intimated that the Public Service Board would give the promotions in due course. The Minister has nothing whatever to do with that. With regard to other complaints, Mr. O'Conor stated that the policy of the department is to give pupil teachers, as far as possible, appointments that will enable them to live at home. So successfully has this arrangement been carried out that only 16 per cent. of the pupil teachers cannot live with their parents, and those so situated are granted free railway passes to enable them to travel home during all recognised school vacations. As to the talk about keeping the increases back with the object of swelling the surplus at the end of the financial year, Mr. O'Conor says that is merely idle talk. Whether the increases are paid in January or April, and so long as they are paid before June, it makes no difference whatever. It is no advantage to him as Minister, to the department, or to the Government to withhold the increases, the payment of which, he admits, has been postponed, only, however, while necessary details were being attended to.

Timber for Export.—The inspection by the Government of timber for export has been transferred from the control of the Minister for Works to that of the Minister for Lands as from March 31 last, and is now under the supervision of the Chief Forest Officer of the Lands Department. For general guidance a code of regulations or conditions applicable to Government inspection was gazetted on March 21. This code has been printed on the forms of application for inspection, copies of which have been distributed to all firms engaged in the timber industry. In this connection and as showing the necessity for care being taken in regard to shipments of timber, a communication has just been received from the Commercial Agent in South Africa, in which it is pointed out that the timber trade with that country is likely to be seriously imperilled owing to carelessness displayed in some recent shipments of sleepers. Many of them were unbranded, and bore no evidence of Government inspection at all, and were only accepted by the railway authorities subject to a fine of 5d per sleeper for this neglect. Moreover, many of the sleepers were over length, and generally the details of the shipments were not in accordance with the Government certificates which accompanied them. The necessity for strict attention to this matter is very strongly insisted on by the Commercial Agent, as being of the greatest importance as affecting the continuance and expansion of the trade between New South Wales and South Africa in hardwood timbers.

St. Patrick's Day Competitions.—The prizes won in connection with the various competitions at the St. Patrick's Day celebrations were distributed by Cardinal Moran last evening in the Cardinal's Hall during an interval in the business of the Easter fair. In his preliminary remarks, the Cardinal said he had to sincerely congratulate both the teachers and children, who had been engaged in the preparation of the exhibits. The children, however, must not be satisfied with what had been achieved in the past. Progress must always be the watchword in their schools—progress in piety, enlightenment, and patriotism. Piety and enlightenment would equip the children for the future, but they needed also a high sense of patriotism to fit them as citizens, who, besides loving their country, would by thrift and industry do their utmost to develop the inexhaustible resources of Australia. The Cardinal complimented Messrs. Smith, Wallace, and Mawson, who had been untiring in their efforts to make the St. Patrick's Day celebrations a success. He trusted that next year some of the big industrial firms would give prizes in order to encourage the industries represented by many of the exhibits, and he also expressed the hope that the suggestion would bear fruit that in future the competitions should be open to schools throughout Australia.

Need for a Federal Meteorological Office.—Commenting upon recent changes in the Sydney Observatory, the "Monthly Weather Review"—the official organ of the United States Weather Bureau—says that "A process of reorganisation of scientific work is going on, that will, we hope, be of advantage to meteorology and climatology. Now that the Federal Government is step by step consolidating Australian policies, we may expect that meteorology will be differentiated from astronomy and other cognate subjects, and will be allowed to stand by itself. A general meteorological office and a daily weather map of the whole continent would be a most important contribution to meteorology."

Gold for Japan.—Large quantities of gold continue to be sent from Australia to Japan, probably in connection with the settlement of the war accounts. The new Japanese mail steamer Nikko Maru, which recently completed her maiden voyage in the Australian service, and sailed from Sydney at midday yesterday on her return trip to the Far East, carries in her strongrooms 200,000 sovereigns consigned to Kobe. Of this amount £100,000 was shipped here by the Union Bank, and the balance was placed on board when the steamer was in port at Melbourne. In addition, the Nikko Maru takes £4397, shipped by the Chinese of this city, for Hongkong. The Yawata Maru, which a few weeks ago re-established the service between Sydney and Yokohama, took away 500,000 sovereigns for Kobe—300,000 from Melbourne, and the remainder from Sydney. Of the local shipments on that occasion the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney sent £150,000, and the Bank of New South Wales £50,000. The Chinese consignments by the Yawata Maru for Hongkong totalled £8032.

Tourist Trams.—The system of tourist tram-cars which was inaugurated on October 9 last proved to be appreciated throughout the summer, but as the days commenced to close in the patronage extended to the trips fell off, and it was intended to discontinue them after the 20th instant. A revival of the business, however, set in during Easter owing to the number of country visitors to the metropolis, and the consequent increase in the number of excursionists travelling; and as traffic still offers in fair numbers it has been decided in view of the requests, to continue the tourist running till the end of the present month. Experience has shown that the run via La Perouse and Botany is the more popular. For the season 4939 passengers travelled on the cars to La Perouse and Botany, and on the Bondi-Coogee route the number of passengers carried was 2540. The fare charged is the same for both routes, but the La Perouse line, which embraces more points of scenic interest, has attracted the greater number of tourists. Before next summer the whole question will be again considered, and an extension of the routes made. The tourist cars have proved an agreeable way of seeing some of Sydney's fair suburbs, and it may be decided to extend the system to North Sydney.

Home for Incurable Consumptives.—With the evident intention of carrying its recent proposal to initiate a movement for the establishment of a home for incurable consumptives, the Ashfield Council again dealt with the subject on Tuesday night from a practical standpoint. It was pointed out that there was an urgent necessity for a home of the character indicated, as the existing institutions for the treatment of sufferers were only provided for those in the earlier stages of the disease, whose prospects of restoration to health were not hopeless. From the humanitarian as well as the sanitary point of view it was considered that incurable consumptives should be provided with a place of refuge and comfort, so that their declining days might be softened by tender ministrations, while they, as a personal menace to the general health, were segregated in some place, where the possibility of further spread of disease from them would be minimised. The council's idea was that the various municipalities might well take this matter up, retaining control of the institution, which it was hoped would be brought into existence before long. With a view to bringing the matter to a practical beginning, it was decided to invite municipal representatives of the suburbs to attend a meeting at Ashfield to discuss the subject at an early date.

For the Waifs.—With the approach of winter the teachers are looking round for means to keep up the bill of fare which was established at the Ragged Schools last year. The youngsters who attend these institutions seem to have a wonderful capacity for withstanding arctic conditions. A proportion of them during the winter mornings arrive for their lessons after a very scanty breakfast. Others have no breakfast at all and manage to survive the cold weather at this disadvantage without displaying any more alarming symptoms of physical collapse than an occasional fainting after they have struggled along the road and reached the more congenial surroundings—ever so much more congenial than their homes—of the Ragged Schools. Perhaps these youngsters, if they only knew how, would formulate a complaint, but they don't complain publicly, because they can't. However, teachers who are responsible for the statements that some of the children—many of them every morning—are hungry and weak, are asking for help to give all of the city waifs who attend these admirable homes porridge and milk in the morning. A committee already arranges that those actually without food shall be helped; but the teachers who are most closely associated with the children, and know their needs best, are anxious to keep up the porridge-and-milk institution. Last year a philanthropist made the necessary provision for all the children at one of the five Ragged Schools in Sydney, and so much help came from other quarters, that two more schools were brought within the morning breakfast category; now the teachers are asking the public to help the youngsters this winter; so that all of them will be able to command the bill of fare.

Departure of the John Williams.—The London Missionary Society's steam yacht John Williams, which has been in port since the 11th inst., will be despatched from Parbury's Wharf at 3.30 this afternoon on another cruise, extending over a period of four months, among the islands of the South Seas. From Sydney the John Williams will steer a direct course for the Cook Group, and from there will proceed to Niue (or Savage Island), Samoa, the Tokelau, Ellice and Gilbert Groups, back to Samoa, and then on to Sydney, where she is due at the end of August. The usual service will be held on board an hour before sailing.

A Tempestuous Voyage.—The British ship Albuera, which reached Sydney yesterday after a voyage of 120 days from Glasgow, was assailed by violent storms at different stages of the journey, and suffered some amount of damage. She commenced her long and tedious voyage as long ago as December 18, and was at once beset in the Channel by very heavy gales. So boisterous indeed were the conditions that the Albuera was compelled to anchor off the Tail of the Bank for seven days, resuming the passage on December 25. She had not proceeded far on her voyage, however, when she encountered a succession of very violent gales from the south and south-east, accompanied by mountainous seas. The ship pitched and tossed, and rolled and strained, and laboured severely. Great seas constantly broke on board, smashing the port lifeboat, wrecking the binnacle, carrying away parts of the rail, and damaging the bridge and deck fittings. The force of the wind was so great that the fore topsail and two of the topgallant sails were torn into shreds. These conditions lasted to lat. 31 north, but fortunately the Albuera came through the ordeal without injury of a serious character affecting the stability of the ship. Other gales were met with after crossing the Equator, but no further damage was done.

Strange Mortality Among Fish.—Our Narrabri correspondent telegraphs that a considerable amount of interest has been manifested in the discovery in the Narrabri Creek (which is a branch of the Namoi River) of hundreds of fish, which were found floating on the surface. Some of the fish were dead; others were sick. All classes of fish were found to be suffering, and there were some excellent specimens among them. The greatest mortality was noticed near the entrance of the main drain under the town bridge. With a view of ascertaining the cause of the mortality, some of the water will be sent for analysis. It was considered by some of the residents that the recent rainfall might have washed something into the creek that disagreed with the fish, but reports that fish are ill further up the river have upset the theory of local matter being the cause. Reports have been received stating that thousands of fish are affected. The river is rather low.

The Finger Print System.—A case in which the police claim to have successfully applied the finger print system to identify an accused person was brought before the Quarter Sessions Court yesterday. A young man, who had pleaded guilty to stealing, was brought up for sentence. There were no previous records against the accused, but the police stated that an offence in a country district some time previously had been traced to him, and that he had owned up to having been the person fined on that occasion.

A meeting of ladies convened by the Mayoress of Petersham, Mrs. F. L. Langdon, was held at the Town Hall, Petersham, to discuss the matter of making some effort to raise funds on behalf of the local benevolent society. It was decided to hold a plain and fancy dress ball on May 23.

Dr. Gratton Guinness, of London, last night delivered a lecture in the Lyceum Hall, Pitt-street, entitled "The Approaching End of the Age." Pastor John Anderson presided, and there was a large attendance.

The Water and Sewerage Board accompanied by the Lord Mayor the town clerk, and the Fire Brigades Board, will to-day make an inspection of the water works. The Potts Hill reservoir at Rookwood will be first inspected, and thence the party will go along the pipe line to the pipe-head basin at Guildford, and from there along the lower canal to the Prospect storage reservoir. At Prospect the weekly meeting of the board will be held.

Messrs. E. Hordern and Sons, drapers, of Brickfield-hill, announce by advertisement particulars of a special sale, which will be commenced to-morrow at Wat's drapery shop, Botany-road, Redfern.

The resignation of Mr. Arthur Thomas Pates, B.A., of his position of clerk of court records, Arbitration Office, has been accepted.

The time for making an assessment of rateable property in the Borough of Auburn for the current year has been extended for three months.

Public holidays have been proclaimed as under:—Districts of Wagga Wagga, Queanbeyan, and Moama, police district of Mudgee, Wednesday, May 2; districts of Berrigan, Tocumwal, and Finley, Thursday, May 3; district of Jerilderie, police district of Manning River, Friday, May 4; districts of Trangie and Gilgandra, Thursday, May 10; police districts of Windsor and Richmond, Friday, May 11; municipal district of Hay, Monday, May 14; district of Yass, Wednesday, May 23; district of Broken Hill, Wednesday, July 18; district of Wagga Wagga, Thursday, August 23.

A correspondent, writing with reference to the overcrowding of tramcars, advocates the introduction and use of "double-deck" cars. He points out that this would not only largely increase the carrying capacity of the trams, but would furnish vantage points for sight-seeing.

"Fair Play" writes complaining that railway employees use their privilege passes on public holidays. At such times the demand on railway accommodation is heavy, and he considers it unfair that those who pay for their tickets should be inconvenienced by those who do not pay.

BROKEN HILL MINE FIRES.

FLOODING OPERATIONS.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Up to date 6,500,000 gallons of water have gone below in the Northern mines since flooding commenced. The water is now 33ft above the 700ft level in the North mine, and 12ft above the 700ft level in the Junction.

TO-DAY.

British Empire League, Women's Branch: Annual Meeting, Royal Society's Rooms, 3.30 p.m.
Corporation of Accountants: Lecture by Mr. W. A. Parker, Equitable-building, 8 p.m.
Lecture by Rev. J. Ferguson: St. Stephen's Church, 7.45 p.m.
W. C. O. Committee, P.L.L.: Lecture by Mr. Spence, M.P., 8.30 p.m.
Business Men's Service: Centenary Hall, 1.15 p.m.
Lecture by Mrs. Harrison Lee: St. Paul's Hall, Redfern, 8 p.m.
Lecture by Mr. M. Newton: New Church Hall, Thomas-street, Haymarket, 7.45 p.m.
Lectures by Mr. W. J. Colville: Queen's Hall, 3 and 8 p.m.
Crow's Nest Women's Liberal League: Annual Meeting, Walker's Hall, Falcon-street, 8 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "The Cingalee," 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "The Fatal Wedding," 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: West's Pictures and "The Bandolero," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Besieged in Port Arthur," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Wirth Brothers' Circus: Prince Alfred Park, 8 p.m.
Centenary Hall: Mr. F. X. Degen's Concert, 8 p.m.
Zoological Gardens, Moore Park: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusions, Cinematograph, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Martini's Buckjumping Show: Christ Church School Grounds, Pitt-street, 8 p.m.
H. Clay's Vaudeville Company: Leichhardt Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Bohemian Dramatic Company: Hay-street, 8 p.m.
Manly Water Chute.
Skating: Exhibition Building, 10 a.m., 2.30, and 7.30 p.m.
Mosman Musical Society, in "Martha:" Mosman Town Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Lyceum Hall: Entertainment, 8 p.m.
First Australian Infantry Regiment: Social, Drill Hall, Paddington, 8 p.m.
Coursing at Rooty Hill: Special Train, 9.35 a.m.
Manly Borough Band: Hyde Park, 8 p.m.

ITALY'S FOREIGN POLICY

TRUE TO TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

SOME SECRET HISTORY.

LONDON, April 25.

Count Guicciardini, Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs, speaking in the Senate yesterday, remarked that the International Conference at Algeciras was completely successful. He emphasised Italy's sincere friendship for France, and reiterated the declaration of Baron Sonnino, the Premier, on March 8, that Italy would be true to the Triple Alliance.

Count Guicciardini added that Germany and Austria recognised at the outset of the proposals for the Triple Alliance that Italy's traditional friendship with Britain was calculated to enhance the value of Italy's adhesion to the Alliance.

NATAL REBELLION.

BAMBAATA GETTING STRONGER.

TURNING HOMEWARDS.

LONDON, April 24.

The strength of Bambaata and his followers has been increased by many of the tribe of the Chief Ndube joining them. The loyalty of Ghlakazulu's tribe is also suspected.

Dinizulu is furious at Bambaata's witch doctors desecrating the grave of Cetewayo by performing ceremonies which were designed to play upon the minds of superstitious tribesmen.

April 25.

Bambaata, with 300 men, has fled towards Natal from the Zululand interior. Troops pursue him.

Five hundred volunteers from the Transvaal start for the front on Friday.

AID FROM AUSTRALIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Seeing that there is likely to be great trouble in South Africa with the blacks, and that a contingent of Boers is going to be employed against them, would it not be politic for our Federal Government to offer a contingent, say, of 500 mounted men? I am, etc., CORPORAL LATE 1st CONTINGENT N.S.W.

RUSSIA.

OPENING THE DUMA.

LONDON, April 25.

The Czar will personally open the inaugural meeting of the Council of the Empire and the National Duma.

DARING RESCUE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

DISGUISED AS POLICEMEN.

Seven sham policemen, one in the uniform of an officer of gendarmerie, belonging to the fighting revolutionary organisation, obtained from the Central prison at Warsaw the custody of 10 important political prisoners, explaining that they had been ordered to transfer the prisoners to the Citadel.

When the prison van reached the outskirts of the city the driver was chloroformed, and the others, doffing their uniforms, prisoners and sham policemen escaped.

PREFERENCE IN CANADA.

MINISTER'S DECLARATION.

LONDON, April 25.

In the Dominion House of Commons yesterday Mr. David Henderson, member for Halton, said that if he had an opportunity he would cancel the preference granted to the motherland.

Mr. S. A. Fisher, Minister for Agriculture, regretted that such a remark had been made, and attributed it to political hostility. He proceeded to justify his speech made at Montreal that personally he did not want Great Britain to grant a preference on colonial-grown corn. Mr. Fisher added that if Great Britain imposed a tax on food imported for the workers she would impair her purchasing power, and thus strike a blow at Canadian farmers, and impair the unity and solidarity of the Empire.

ATTEMPT ON M. LOUBET.

A TIMELY DISCOVERY.

LONDON, April 25.

An attempt has been made on the life of M. Loubet, late President of France. An official found burning a wick attached to an infernal machine placed on the sill of a window of the late President's residence at Montelimar, and promptly extinguished it. M. Loubet was in his study at the time.

Experts declare that an explosion would have destroyed the house.

ANGLO-THIBETAN TREATY.

A CONTRADICTION.

LONDON, April 25.

Reuter's Agency in London is informed that the statement emanating from its Shanghai correspondent announcing that a treaty relating to Thibet had been signed on behalf of Great Britain and China at Peking is wholly incorrect.

THE ARMY IN INDIA.

NO UNREST.

LONDON, April 25.

Mr. John Morley, Secretary of State for India, informed Mr. Rutherford in the House of Commons yesterday that the spirit of the army in India was excellent, and that the plans of Lord Kitchener, the Commander-in-Chief, had not excited the slightest unrest.

VOTERS IN THE TRANSVAAL.

RAND'S SLIGHT PREDOMINANCE.

LONDON, April 25.

Parliamentary voters in the Transvaal number 88,323, of which 46,203 are on the Rand, and 42,120 in the rest of the Transvaal.

POSTAL CONGRESS.

PREPAYMENT OF REPLIES.

LONDON, April 25.

A committee of the International Postal Congress, now sitting at Rome, has adopted the British scheme for an international coupon for prepaying a correspondent's reply.

THE TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, April 25.

At the sales of Australian tallow to-day 1457 casks were offered and 862 were sold. Prices were:—Mutton, fine, 32s 3d; medium, 28s; beef, fine, 30s; medium, 27s 9d.

BRITISH IN EGYPT.

STRENGTHENING THE GARRISON.

NO INTERFERENCE TOLERATED.

LONDON, April 25.

The British garrison in Egypt will be increased until it is equal to any eventuality.

The "Times," in emphasising the willingness of Egypt for a mixed commission to delimit the frontier of Sinai, provided that the Turkish troops at Tabah and Gatiah are withdrawn, warns the Sultan that he is making a dangerous experiment, and that the sooner he withdraws his illegal and provocative occupation the better. It is the settled resolve of all parties in Great Britain not to allow anybody to meddle with or mar the great work she has accomplished in Egypt.

TURKEY UNYIELDING.

LONDON, April 24.

Though the Porte has been profoundly impressed by the increase of the British garrison in Egypt, it is feared that the Sultan will not yield until Great Britain proceeds to extremes.

PROTECTOR OF MOSLEMS.

GERMANY'S CLAIMS.

LONDON, April 24.

The Paris "Temps" says that the effects of German intervention in Morocco are noticeable at Tunis, where acts of aggression against Europeans are increasing.

Foreign agents travelling in Tunis affirm that the German Emperor is the real Protector of the Moslems.

An interesting sidelight on Germany's desire to be recognised as Protector of the Moslems is furnished by a knowledge of her treatment of her Mohammedan subjects. Complaint was recently made in the Reichstag that in German East Africa Mohammedan natives were favoured to the detriment of Christian converts, both in the Government schools and in subordinate posts in the administration. The hereditary Prince of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, as acting director of the colonial department, in reply, drew a broad distinction between the advantageous cultivation of friendly relations with Mohammedan foreign powers and the attitude of the German Government towards its own Mohammedan subjects. In the one case the German policy was dictated by the necessities of the general international situation, in the other it was the duty of the Government to promote the dissemination of Christianity among the natives of German colonies. In the selection of petty officials instructions had been issued that in all cases Christians should be preferred.

FRENCH MINERS' STRIKE.

LONDON, April 25.

Arrangements are in progress to settle the disputed proposals which brought about the French miners' strike. A number of ironworkers have resumed work.

GERMAN DIPLOMAT MURDERED.

LONDON, April 25.

Herr Mangels, commercial councillor to the German Consulate at Asuncion, Paraguay, has been murdered.

CAMBRIDGE WRANGLERSHIP.

LONDON, April 25.

A special board of mathematics at Cambridge University recommends the abolition of the senior wranglership.

AUSTRALIAN FRUIT.

LONDON, April 25.

The special shipment of Western Australian apples by the R.M.S. Mongolia are of excellent quality and condition. They have been exhibited to the press and the trade. Their packing and their appearance were highly commended. Experts state that they compare favourably with any ever sent from Australia.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN WALES.

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

LONDON, April 25.

Mr. Justice Vaughan Williams has been appointed chairman of the Royal Commission which will investigate the financial condition of the Anglican Church in Wales.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

MISS MAUD MACCARTHY.

LONDON, April 24.

Miss Maud MacCarthy, a Sydney violinist, has been received with an ovation at Dublin. The Lord Mayor gave in her honour at the Mansion House a reception, at which the Provost of Trinity College and many members of the House of Commons were present.

AUSTRALIAN ARTISTS.

Pictures by Mr. Longstaff and Mr. Bunny have been accepted by the Paris Salon.

GERMAN AND CANADIAN TRADE.

Mr. W. S. Fielding, the Canadian Minister for Finance, speaking at Ottawa last night, declared that the surtax on German imports was a proper act. German trade had suffered more than the Canadian.

SILVER.

LONDON, April 25.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 6 7-16d per ounce standard, an advance of 3-16d since yesterday.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

ROUGH VOYAGE OF THE VICTORIA.

PERTH, Tuesday.

The R.M.S. Victoria arrived at Fremantle from the East to-day, 16 hours late. The delay was caused by rough weather in the Bight. No damage was sustained.

TWO CONDEMNED MEN.

On the steamer Bullarra, from the north-west yesterday, were the two Manilla men, named Quai Caong and Mat Samut Bin Haji Hussan, who were sentenced to death in Broome on March 28 for having murdered a countryman on board the lugger Commonwealth at Tapper's Inlet. They will be executed at Fremantle.

CONDITION OF MILITARY FORCES.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Referring to-day to Sir George French's assertion in Sydney that the defence forces of the Commonwealth are going backwards as fast as they can, Lieutenant-Colonel Wallace, commandant of the Western Australian forces, said that this certainly is incorrect as far as this State is concerned, as the forces here are in excellent condition.

CHARGE AGAINST A MINER.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

A miner employed at the Great Boulder Proprietary mine was arrested yesterday afternoon upon a charge of being unlawfully in possession of a quantity of telluride ore. When apprehended he was coming off his shift. Accused is alleged to have had a billycan containing ore in his possession.

TASMANIA.

APPROACH OF WINTER.

HOBART, Wednesday.

Wintry weather prevails. Mount Wellington showed the first covering with snow to-day.

SAN FRANCISCO.

ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

LONDON, April 24 (afternoon).

A sharp shock of earthquake was experienced at San Francisco last evening.

A shock was also felt in the State of Oregon, to the north of California.

No harm was done by either of the shocks.

THE LOSSES.

Competent insurance authorities at San Francisco estimate the loss caused by the earthquake, and the fires with which it was attended, at £60,000,000, of which £35,000,000 is covered by insurance.

DECLINING FOREIGN AID.

At the request of President Roosevelt General Woodford explained in a speech at a banquet which was held at New York that British and other foreign offers of assistance were declined because the President wished to show the world that the Americans were able to rise to the occasion and take care of their own people.

THE MAILS.

LONDON, April 25.

The sailing of the Sonoma from San Francisco for Sydney has, in consequence of the calamity to the American city, been indefinitely postponed. Postal officials at New York believe that the mails are safe.

ONE THOUSAND DEATHS.

The coroner at San Francisco estimates that the deaths in the city due to the earthquake and its attendant fires number 1000.

CAUSE OF EARTHQUAKES.

MR. CLEMENT WRAGGE SPEAKS.

INFLUENCE OF THE SUN.

PERTH (W.A.), Wednesday.

When interviewed with regard to the subject of earthquakes, Mr. Clement Wragge said: "The time is surely coming when it will be recognised by everyone that all abnormal perturbations of the planet earth, both atmospheric and seismatic, are directly due to solar conditions. The sun is termed variable inasmuch as he is subject to maxima and minima periods of disturbance. Maxima periods are when appalling hurricanes, so-called sun spots, sends the sun's atmospheres with energy of which we human beings have no adequate conception, when great hydrogen flames leap to a height of 160,000 miles from the sun's surface. Minima periods are when comparatively speaking solar conditions there are quiescent. The whole solar system thrills to these changes as a harp vibrates to the touch, and the earth being only 93,000,000 miles from the sun is especially responsive. It is in fact as if two bodies were connected by wires. The earth responds to the sun's moods in three ways, viz., instantly, seasonably, and secularly. The first is instanced by the aurora earth currents, and the disorganisation of telegraphic services. It responds seasonably and secularly as instanced by the Australian droughts, good seasons, and general hurricanes, also by earthquakes, volcanic outbursts, and tidal waves. The whole earth, of course, responds. Yet certain portions do so more readily than others, on account of geographical and physical features, as instanced by those regions where the crust of the still cooling and contracting earth is at present weak. Now the solar maximum period is drawing to a close. The period from maximum to succeeding minimum is 7½ years, and from the minimum to next maximum is 3.52 years. Within the last two years storms of appalling magnitude have broken out in the sun, one group of storms being 153,000 miles long. These were followed by the earthquakes in India, Italy, Japan, and Formosa, the Pacific tidal waves, the eruption of Vesuvius, and now by the fearful disaster at San Francisco, of which, without specifying places, I generally gave warning by letters to the London press and in my lectures.

"My observations show that the two hemispheres of the earth respond in different ways to any given solar period. The solar maximum especially means seismic disturbances in the northern hemisphere, with a rainfall below average, and in the southern hemisphere comparative terrestrial quiescence, much rain, and good seasons. Speaking generally, the solar minimum on the other hand means exactly the reverse. Why this should be is not at present clearly understood. It suffices that we have to do with it, and await further research. If the earth swung from its axis, which is doubtful, the solar pull was undoubtedly the cause. In a word all the earth's disturbances and abnormal phenomena are in my opinion due to what may be termed the alternation of compressions and relaxings of the etheric waves caused by solar conditions. South-western Australia has long since consolidated, and is beyond the limits of dangerous seismic disturbance, speaking provisionally, although the seismograph at Perth will register tremors originating at a distance. As on solar physics in 1902 I based my prediction of the break of the drought and coming good seasons, so may Australia expect another bad season before the end of 1912, and seismic action should gradually be transferred to the weak parts of the southern hemisphere, as New Zealand and the Antarctic, before the time specified. The range of lunar declination is a secondary factor, and the orbital eccentricity of the earth is a secular consideration. Much as we deplore earthquakes and eruptions, yet they prove that there is sufficient vital force left in this planet to support human life for thousands of years yet to come, say at least until the next glacial epoch, which will be due in about 20,000 years. This at any rate should be some consolation to posterity and to the rebuilders of San Francisco."

AID FROM NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

An open-air demonstration was held to-day in aid of relief for San Francisco, and about £66 was collected. In the course of a speech Mr. Seddon said that messages received showed there was need for financial assistance. President Roosevelt had not refused the colony's help. If he did not reply by to-night the colony's contribution would be sent direct to San Francisco.

MR. SPRECKLES'S OPINION.

LOSS ENORMOUS, BUT NOT IRREPARABLE.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

Mr. Seddon has received the following cablegram from Mr. Spreckels:—"Loss enormous, but not irreparable; relief works effective; people hopeful; thanks of city to New Zealand; send to Finance Committee, United States Sub-Treasury, San Francisco."

ON THE ROOF OF THE WORLD.

A SYDNEY WOMAN'S EXPERIENCE.

It was June the 12th, 1897, Saturday afternoon. I had been four months at Yatung, Tibet—better known since then as the first halting place of the British mission after crossing the Jelap-la in 1904. The buildings put up at Yatung for British traders were in the form of a hollow square—that is, it would have been square had the corners joined, but the north and south ends stood across the gables of the east and west sides, allowing a narrow passage between. The openings were all inside—blank walls pres[illegible]d themselves without. These walls were two feet thick, of big rough stones, rudely cemented with some sort of mortar. Our portion, the northern end, and part of each side, was all lined with roughly-hewn boards—carpentry is an unknown art in Tibet. The interstices, which varied from a quarter of an inch to two inches, we had closed by pasting newspapers over them. The ceiling would have been open to the roof, which consisted of wooden slabs held in place by stones (being nearly flat), but we had closed it with newspapers, several thicknesses, pasted to the beams. The door by which we entered our dwelling faced the gable end of the eastern side of the square.

It had been a dull afternoon. The rains had not yet set in, but the clouds that gathered now earlier every day warned us that the monsoon was approaching Bengal, and the Eastern Himalayas always share the resulting rainy season. The lady who had established this foothold at Yatung had started for England two or three weeks before, so I was alone with my Tibetan servants. There was no other European in the place. The Commissioner of Customs, an English gentleman in the Chinese service, had, some days before, gone across the Jelap to Gnatong, the then dismantled fort, to meet and confer with the political officer of Sikkim. He was not to return for some days.

Our mails were entirely due to the courtesy of the Commissioner, who employed three runners between Yatung and the nearest post-office, Rennok, in British territory. On that Saturday the "drabwalla" had arrived with the letters and papers, and word was sent me that he would start at daybreak on Sunday on the return, so I was writing my letters all afternoon. It was growing dark, for darkness fell early in that valley, even in June when I went to weigh a letter, and glancing at the clock saw it was on the stroke of 5. I also thought the wind was rising, from the low, hollow sound that reached me. Then a strange rattling noise in the walls and on the paper ceiling, and I thought, "the rats are beginning early"; for one of our joys was to hear rats scouring about over our heads. Sometimes they made a hole and dropped through, quite regardless of whether we were asleep immediately under them. Then I felt giddy, as I thought; and then the sound of a tremendous explosion wakened me to the fact that something was happening. What could it be? Vague thoughts of a kerosene lamp—no, a whole case of kerosene—came before me, and as I went out my Lepcha servant met me. "Run, miss sahib, run!" "What's the matter, Sailah?" "He shake; run, run." He caught me by the sleeve, and dragged me outside the buildings, where I stood fascinated. Every house was rocking like a little boat on the waves; the whole surface of the ground was coming in waves towards me, more rapidly than the sea. What fixed my attention most was a flag-post in the Commissioner's compound. It rocked and reeled like a drunken man. I knew nothing then about the course of seismic disturbances, but it seemed to me that that flag-post described a figure of 8. My contemplation of the strange scene was broken by a tremendous crash behind me. Looking round, the whole gable end of the eastern building had collapsed. Falling against the front wall of our dwelling, it blocked the doorway through which I had just come out. Again my servants shrieked to me to "run," and I went outside the square, into the roadway, which ran between our buildings and those of the Commissioner and the Tibetan chief. Here I found every soul in the place rolling on the ground, shrieking, one or two beating gongs and drums—a lama blowing his thigh-bone horn, an instrument than which none more doleful exists. No one was standing except myself and the Commissioner's Tibetan clerk. He had been educated in the Darjeeling mission school, and was always eager to practise his English with me. "Look!" he said, pointing down the valley. I saw nothing but a great cloud of dust, but in a moment realised what had happened. The wall which the Chinese had built right across the valley had fallen. It was no ordinary wall, but twenty feet high, and ten feet thick, roofed, like the houses, with slabs of wood, sloped slightly to carry off the snow. When next morning I went to look at it, there was only a confused ruinous heap—the big stone house at one end was wrecked; but the gateway seemed but little damaged.

Then I thought of the kitchen fire. The kitchen had a mud floor, and on this a few rough stones were built as a fireplace. As the Tibetans always need fire for their tea and their smoking, it was sure to be alight, and the walls were boarded inside like the rest of the house. The only way in was over the debris of that fallen wall. On hands and knees I crawled in—no one else would venture near. The kitchen was flooded with water! I usually had a hot bath on Saturday, and for this purpose the big galvanised iron tub had been put on the fire. It was never filled more than to within six inches of the brim, and was now standing over the extinguished embers. What a rocking it must have been to send all that water over! For it was not upset, or even perceptibly displaced. Everything was in confusion; chairs upset, lamps on the floor, not a thing left on the shelves. A clock that hung the way of the earth-wave was going—5.15; another on the cross-wall, stopped. What a little time it had been, and yet it seemed an eternity. Going out again, I found the people getting calmed, but none of them would enter their houses that night. Some lama, with a book, announced that there would be another shock at midnight. The Tibetan clerk then told me that he was standing on the first bridge (three or four planks across the stream) when he heard a rumbling noise, and then felt sick, as the plank swayed. Then as he saw great masses of rock detached from the mountain, and roll down, he thought it was time to run. He had looked at his watch just before it began, and remembered it was just 5 o'clock. When I first came out, he came up to me, and showed me that it was five minutes past 5. So it must have lasted five minutes. I asked him what the people thought it was. "Oh, the Great Dragon that holds up the earth, he turns over on the other side." "Nonsense, Mr. Wang; you know better than that." "Perhaps—but they think so, really."

My servants were with difficulty persuaded to sleep, or at least lie down, under a roof. My own room was too insecure, so I went into the only mission building that seemed fairly whole. There were several shocks through that night of terror. Next morning rose bright and fair, and I went off over the hills to reconnoitre. The wall was a ruin—the Gompa, or temple and lamasarie, beyond, was utterly demolished. About 1 o'clock, the Commissioner dashed in; he had started at daybreak, and never drawn rein. "Thank God it is no worse," were his first words. Then he told me he fully expected to find that I had been murdered. "I know these people as you do not, and the first thing they were likely to do was to turn on you, as the only 'foreign devil' in the place. I have lived in Formosa, but I never saw anything so fearful as this; the walls of the huts at Gnatong opened in great cracks, and closed again repeatedly. Many fell altogether." Even as we were speaking the house reeled, and we clutched at something to steady us.

It was three weeks before we had any news from the rest of the world. Then it came—Calcutta was in ruins; the death-rate small, chiefly because it was the hour when everyone is out of doors; people huddled together on the Maidan, which is the Park of Calcutta. The centre of disturbance had been in Assam, where the railroad was torn up for miles, and whole towns lay in heaps. One post-office was swallowed down bodily. Hundreds, if not thousands, of lives were lost. For months after, we in Yatung felt shocks and tremors more or less severe; but there was not the sense of utter bewilderment, out of which stand clear and unforgettable every little detail of my impressions of the earthquake of 1897.

M. MARY FOSTER.

EARTHQUAKES.

To the courageous man the supreme horror of an earthquake lies in the fact that his courage is of no avail. Confront him with a raging lion, with a burning bush, with a gang of robbers, and he will draw readily on the reserve of daring and of initiative which is stored ready for action in the breast of every brave man. But, with the solid earth trembling beneath him, with the centre of his first impressions—the ground on which he first learned to crawl—giving way under his feet, his inner consciousness receives a shock that upsets his mental balance, and, instead of a brave man facing the difficulties of life with a dauntless heart, he becomes a mere shrunken mass of terror.

A lion-hunter—recognised in two hemispheres as a man of conspicuous courage—was reduced to a condition of abject fear pitiable to witness, when an earthquake shook the foundations of a town in Southern Europe (Mentone), where he happened to be staying. Since that terrible experience, he has probably given signal proofs of courage in many encounters with his noble foe; but the horror of that night must have convinced him that endurance—the twin sister of fortitude—is harder of attainment than courageous action.

If courage be a flower that does not thrive on volcanic soil, neither are self-sacrifice and devotion. In order to give to others, one must first have secured some vantage ground for oneself; and what is there to surrender in this quaking world where no solitary individual can secure a firm foothold? The spot he occupies may in the twinkling of an eye become a yawning chasm. Why, then, should he yield it to his friend? In the impossibility of practising any of the virtues he formerly held dear, he is forced back on the contemplation of his own weakness. "Ah, que nous sommes petits" ("How small we are") the exclamation of a Swiss chambermaid at one of the Mentone hotels, sums up the true moral of the catastrophe.

The immediate apparent effect of an earthquake is the rending asunder of every shred of personal vanity, nay, even of personal self-respect. At the first shock, at the first mutter of those awful sounds, at the first appearance of those zig-zig fissures in the walls (lizarding" the French call it, which laid bare the sanctuary of home to the outside world; the staircases and corridors of the hotel swarmed with men and women in every possible stage of dress and undress. The tense horror of the situation may be gauged from the fact that one elderly gentleman emerged from the bathroom in the simple garb of Adam, and that no one took any notice of the extravagance. Costume or no costume, what did it matter? The one supreme question was, how to escape with a whole skin? Some of the transformations were so complete that guests who had spent the evening together at the card table or in the music-room failed to recognise each other. It was remarked that a large proportion of the ladies were totally bald, a defect not generally ascribed to the gentler sex. Women who, under other conditions, would have exhibited a prudish reserve, now presented themselves to the public gaze—clad in their night attire and—unashamed. Some even fled in this airy guise to the railway station, and those who were fortunate enough to catch the night express created unprecedented excitement at the Paris "gare" by alighting from the train simply attired in a white nocturnal garment, over which some chivalrous fellow passenger may have flung the mantle of charity in the shape of a masculine great coat. Others, who were not fortunate enough to secure the night train, camped in the open field. In an incredibly short space of time, all the houses were vacated. Anything in the shape of walls and a roof inspired loathing. A few old and delicate people took refuge in the public vehicles on the "Place." Here they spent the night listening to the sullen roar of the sea, choked by the fine dust with which the atmosphere was laden, and a prey to indescribable terror. One of these arrived the following day in Geneva blind with the stinging dust, and her hair so loaded by the clinging particles that it took an energetic coiffeur the best part of two days to set her free.

No sooner were the houses left vacant than marauders appeared on the scene. Neither the awful nature of the catastrophe, which had sent many of their fellows to their last account, and had placed their own lives in jeopardy, nor any sense of pity for the survivors, had power to exercise any restraining influence upon these degraded natives. The cruelty of man to man, the readiness with which he turns his brothers' pain to his own profit, is never more strikingly displayed than on the occasion of an earthquake. The yawning gulf has scarcely closed over the victims, the signs of ruin and despair are scattered around him, but he only discovers in this scene of suffering scope for the exercise of his base cupidity. He has passed through the furnace, but without "coming forth as gold!" One is tempted to infer that—adopting the teaching of Zola in "La Terre"—it is the tendency of an earthquake to draw the mind downward!

Animals are peculiarly susceptible to the influence of earthquakes. A shock, so slight that scarcely any of the "humans" perceived it, once set all the poultry cackling, and drove some horses nearly mad with terror. In Switzerland all the clocks stopped one morning at 4 a.m., and it subsequently transpired that many people awoke suddenly at that hour without being conscious of any cause. Possibly the countries in which earthquakes occur most frequently are those least haunted by a sense of dread.

L. B. L.

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION.

The Acting Deputy Postmaster-General has received the following communication:—"Bamfield Creek advises that all messages for Honolulu and other points of the commercial Pacific cable, via San Francisco, may be accepted subject to delay and at sender's risk. Bamfield Creek also advises that Californian messages are circulating freely."

THE ISLAND OF SANTA CATALINA.

At the Amateur Fishermen's Association meeting on Tuesday evening reference was made to the island of Santa Catalina, which is near San Francisco, and probably within the zone of the recent earthquake action. Santa Catalina is often called the fishing paradise of the Pacific. It has a prosperous township, which in the season harbours thousands of visitors from all parts of the world, attracted thither by the splendid fishing for the leaping tuna—a game fish of the mackerel family. In the great bay which sweeps in placid fashion in front of the town there are thousands of boats, utilised by famous anglers and others less skilled, all anxious to try conclusions with these splendid fish. In addition there are punts with glass floors to enable visitors to inspect the wonders of the vasty deep, and motor-boats, from which the angler may cast his spinning bait. The association expressed the hope that the island had come unscathed through the seismic convulsions.

Mr. W. R. Fearnside, railway stationmaster at Wentworth Falls, has received a cable from his son, who is finishing his engineering studies with Messrs. Dowle and Firth, at San Francisco, announcing his safety.

"MAN WITH A HOE."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Amongst the cablegrams in your issue yesterday with regard to the terrible catastrophe at San Francisco was one stating that the picture, "Man with a Hoe" (owned privately) by Millet, had been destroyed. Jean Francois Millet was, perhaps, the most famous of the painters of French peasants. His father was a farmer, and died when the painter was young. For five years the lad had to work on the farm as a farm labourer.

He showed a great talent for painting, and the municipality in which he resided provided a subsidy so that he might study painting in Paris. For years he had a great struggle, and his pictures were refused over and over again at the salon.

In time, however, his work began to be appreciated. He joined with a famous band of painters, comprising such great artists as Rousseau, Corot, Royon, and others. They represented the Fontainebleau-Barbizon School of France. Their object was to study nature first-hand, and so be true to nature. Their work was also characterised by much poetic feeling.

It was between 1860 and 1870 that Millet's reputation was assured. As stated, his subject was peasant life, and the one thing noticeable in all his work is the perfect relation of his figures to their circumstances. He was a realist who painted with fine poetic feeling. He was born in 1814 and died in 1875. The names of some of his pictures are "The Gleaners," "The Sower," "The Winnower," "The Wood-cutter" (this picture in 1880 brought 133,000 francs), "The Reaper," "The Water-carrier," and "Going to Work."

I am, etc., E. S. W.

April 25.

NEW ZEALAND.

DIMINISHED DRINK BILL.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

New Zealand's drink bill for last year shows a total expenditure of £3,120,705, a reduction of over £32,000, compared with the previous year, notwithstanding the officially estimated increase in the population of 25,284. This represents a diminished consumption per head of 2s 8d, and is the first substantial variation by way of reduction since 1894. Temperance authorities contend the reduction must be credited almost entirely, if not wholly, to the temperance reform movement.

CHRISTCHURCH MUNCIPAL ENTERPRISE.

Christchurch ratepayers have carried a proposal to borrow £100,000 for increasing the power at the pumping station, and extending the sewerage system.

THE WEATHER.

Early yesterday morning, unsettled conditions developed over the country south of the Murrumbidgee, and at 9 a.m. it had started to rain lightly at Albury. The only record reported at 6 p.m., however, was 16 points at Kiandra. On Tuesday afternoon showers, associated with thunderstorms, occurred at half a dozen places on the north coast. Woolgoolga received 96 points, Grafton 30 points, and Tabulam 75 points.

The winds throughout this State were generally light, but in the Straits and on the west coast of Tasmania they continued strong from the north-west to south-west, with areas of rough sea.

The Acting Government Meteorologist said last night that the relation of atmospheric systems remain unchanged, that, is, the anticyclone still lies centrally on the mainland—to the north of the Great Bight, and the low pressure to the south-east of Tasmania. Barometric conditions, however, have intensified, for whereas the pressure in the anticyclone has suffered no change, that in the "low" has dropped nearly two-tenths of an inch in the Straits, resulting in a congestion of isobars over the south-eastern portion of the continent.

The winds and seas are likely to increase between Adelaide, Tasmania, and Melbourne, extending later to the south coast of New South Wales.

Unsettled, showery weather is expected south of the Murrumbidgee, including the south-western slopes, and parts of the southern tableland. A light rain squall or two may be expected on the coast south of Sydney. Otherwise fine but cool and dusty weather is favoured, with west to south-west winds.

TALE OF THE SEA.

TWO THOUSAND MILES IN AN OPEN BOAT.

FRENCH ESCAPEES REACH NEW GUINEA.

STARTLING EXPERIENCES.

After nearly fourteen months' freedom five escapees from New Caledonia were brought to Sydney yesterday afternoon by the German steamer Prinz Waldemar from German New Guinea. During that period their experiences have been of a most sensational character. The men sailed in an open boat for about two thousand miles. They had to endure privation on the hazardous voyage, and were once nearly shipwrecked. There were originally six in the party, but owing to the sixth man obtaining a berth on an American schooner he had left the German possession.

The six men were employed at the cobalt mines, which are about three days' journey from Noumea. They were working near a beach, and this greatly assisted them to escape. The escapees, it is stated, are ticket-of-leave men, and as such enjoyed a number of privileges. The watch kept on them was not strict. About sixteen months ago the men made up their minds to leave the French colony, and after several conferences it was agreed that they should construct a boat. There is a large forest in the vicinity of the mines, and in their spare time the men felled trees, and cut up the timber. When they had obtained sufficient wood the six secretly set about building the little craft which successfully braved the winds and storms during the long voyage. The work occupied some time, but finally they succeeded in making the boat, which was 2[illegible] in length. Steps were then taken to procure enough provisions to last for the long journey—altogether a supply sufficient for three months. How the goods were obtained could not be ascertained. It is thought probable that the men stole the goods from the store, and secreted them in the forest with the boat. A large quantity of bread was roasted until it was like biscuit; and a good supply of water was obtained. The party afterwards secured a set of sails, and thus everything was ready for the cruise.

Although supervision at the mines was very lax the men did not care to take too many risks, and it was decided to steal away in the darkness of the night. A favourable opportunity shortly afterwards presented itself, and the men set sail for British New Guinea. It may be mentioned that two of the party had a knowledge of navigation.

THE RUN TO NEW GUINEA.

During the voyage to New Guinea favourable weather was met with part of the time. One night, however, a gale sprang up, accompanied by heavy seas. The little craft was tossed about like a cork on the ocean, and most of the men were kept continuously bailing the water out with their hats and boots for about five hours. The storm then abated, but all the provisions had been spoilt by the salt water.

The men were exhausted by their efforts. One suggested that they should turn back, but the others would not agree. Until within a few days' sail of British New Guinea the conditions were favourable, and rapid progress was made.

DRIVEN ASHORE.

Another storm was encountered, and the little boat with her six occupants was driven on to the shore of an uninhabited portion of the German possession, the boat being considerably damaged. Two of the party narrowly escaped losing their lives. They were thrown against a rock, and were being carried out to sea, but their companions rushed to their assistance. The men were considerably bruised about the body. Several days elapsed before they recovered from their exciting experience. The other four were also suffering from the effects of the voyage. All were sorry they had left New Caledonia, but they quickly regained their former good spirits. A fire was made, and much of the food that had been saved was dried.

It was certainly not appetising, but the men were almost famished, and ate greedily of the provisions.

DEPARTURE FROM NEW GUINEA.

Next morning four of the party set to work to repair the boat, with some timber obtained from the forest. This occupied some time, and after 25 days it was decided to make a fresh start. The barrels were replenished with water, and then sail was set for New Ireland—the most northern of the islands forming the Bismarck Archipelago. This part of the journey occupied over a month. On reaching that island the men tramped for many miles, and at last succeeded in securing employment.

All proved to be good workmen. The escapees told their fellow-workers of their startling experiences, and they even did not disguise the fact that they had escaped from the French colony. No notice was taken of their story for a time. By some means, however, word reached Dr. Hahl, Governor of the Bismarck Archipelago, whose headquarters are at Herbertshohe, that the men were escapees. He communicated with the officials at New Ireland, and asked that the men should be sent to Herbertshohe to interview him. Accordingly the men were despatched to the capital. It is asserted that the men told the Governor that they had left New Caledonia in an open boat without the permission of the authorities. They, however, claimed that they were really free men.

MEN EMPLOYED BY GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

The most peculiar part of the whole affair is the fact that two of the men after telling their story to the Governor were given employment by the authorities. Two others had sufficient money to keep them for a time, and refused work until their capital was exhausted. A fifth man secured work as a blacksmith, and the sixth as a watchmaker. The blacksmith was subsequently engaged by the captain of an American schooner, which left port shortly afterwards. While engaged in their duties the escapees again repeated their tale. In fact, almost everyone in the possession was aware that the men had run away from New Caledonia. This went on for some months. The steps that were then taken are not known. It is thought that the German officials communicated with the French Government on the matter, and that arrangements were not completed until shortly before the departure of the Prinz Waldemar for Sydney. The authorities in S[illegible] were then informed that the escapees would arrive by that steamer, and were asked to make arrangements to convey them to a police station.

ARRIVAL IN SYDNEY.

When the Prinz Waldemar took up a berth at the Norddeutscher Lloyd wharf, on the western side of the Quay, yesterday afternoon, Sub-Inspector M'Vane, of the Water Police, Detective Rochaix, and several other officers, stepped on board. The escapees readily answered the questions put by the police. They were subsequently removed to the Central Police Station, where they will remain until they are sent back to New Caledonia.

All appear to be middle-aged men. One, a Parisian, when asked why they had taken such a long time on their voyage, said:—"We were in no hurry; time was no consideration to us."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

RETURN OF THE PROTECTOR.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

H.M.C.S. Protector returned to her moorings at Port Adelaide early this morning after 12 weeks' absence in eastern waters in connection with the periodical training of the Commonwealth naval forces. Captain Clare, who was in command, says that six days' special training, mostly in heavy and machine gun practice and prize-firing, was carried out with highly satisfactory results, but the pity was that the duration of this particular class of work is not longer, as six days are far too little to train men to the highest efficiency. The vessel experienced very heavy weather from Tasmania.

AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In order to be cognisant of the strength of the Australian branch of the Royal Naval Reserve, and of the composition of the Australian squadron, Vice-Admiral Fawkes has been requested to furnish the Defence Department periodically with a report. The first of these has been sent in. Men serving in the permanent force enrolled from the various States and New Zealand number 525, serving on the Challenger, Pioneer, Psyche, and Pyramus. The Australian branch of the naval reserve consists of five officers, 176 qualified seamen, and 123 stokers.

The following note is attached to the report:—"Recruiting of Australian seamen is of necessity very gradual, and it is not possible to at once fill up to the full numbers authorised until those already serving have received sufficient training to allow of them replacing home-trained men; also, as men of the permanent force complete their five-year engagements they are free to join the Australian branch of the Royal Naval Reserve. It will therefore be seen that in order to prevent a subsequent excess of the numbers authorised it is inadvisable to enter many more Royal Naval Reserve men from other sources."

MR. WATSON'S PLATFORM.

PROBLEMS OF DEFENCE.

SWISS SYSTEM ADVOCATED.

PARLIAMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY.

ENCOURAGING IMMIGRATION.

OPENING UP OUR TERRITORY.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS MR. DEAKIN.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Mr. Watson, M.P., addressed an immense gathering at the Exhibition-building to-night. The Mayor, Alderman Bruce, presided, and was supported by the Premier, the Chief Secretary, Treasurer, Commissioner of Crown Lands, the leader of the State Labour party, and several Federal and State legislators.

Mr. Watson, who was received with great applause, said:—With regard to Federal politics, we have had some changes since I spoke in Adelaide last, and though perhaps there has been no such complete change as would satisfy any particular party, still on the whole there has been evinced by members of the Federal Parliament, during the last 12 months at any rate, an anxiety to go on with the detailed work entrusted to them by the people. We have in Federal politics yet an immense deal to do. It is the fashion in the States to complain of the Federal Parliament, and I fear that sometimes there is not sufficient allowance made for difficulties that beset any number of men sent into the Federal Parliament in carrying out the desires of the people. In the first place, there is some difficulty in arriving at what are the precise desires of the people in view of the fact that we have to-day, as Mr. Deakin told you, still three parties in the Federal arena. I am disposed to imagine that Mr. Deakin rather exaggerated the troubles likely to arise from the existence of three parties. It is not altogether an ideal condition of things, and all of us could desire naturally that one or other of the great parties would obtain a majority of the electors behind it, and a majority of representatives in Parliament. When that happens a consummation is reached—and even then I fear the millennium will not be reached, but still it is reached I am convinced that there is a possibility of two parties working together in unison and getting through some useful legislation, even though neither the one nor the other attains all it desires.

QUESTION OF DEFENCE.

As I have said, there is much remaining to be done. The consummation of interstate freetrade has been accomplished. Next to that there is defence. It is in my view one of the most important things that the Federal Parliament could possibly grapple with, and yet though we have reduced Federal expenditure in some directions, there has been no whole-souled appreciation of the question of defence. I hope that people will insist on a broader treatment of the question. We shall never attain with our comparatively small population, scattered over an immense area and holding only the seaport in the meantime, a satisfactory condition of things until we are able to say that every male adult can go into the field properly trained. We have neglected out of all reason the naval side of our defence policy. It is true we have an arrangement with the Imperial Government, in which for a consideration they agree to maintain a fleet in these waters. It is argued that it is wise to concentrate the forces of the Empire. It is still necessary to protect our shores. For that reason we should at the earliest possible moment make such provision as will make an enemy hesitate before making a raid. We must be prepared to spend an increasing amount on the naval side of our defence. I don't believe we can afford to build and equip seagoing vessels, but we can provide a mosquito fleet, a number of small vessels at each of our ports, to act as "eyes and ears" of the Imperial navy, mainly and primarily for port protection. This will involve an additional expenditure, but even if we spend £100,000 or £150,000 extra we will still be within the total vote for defence. The Labour party has been accused of unduly hampering the Military Department. We are prepared to go to any reasonable lengths in respect of the essentials of defence, but we refused then, as we refuse now, to increase the military estimates, merely with a view to useless and unnecessary training of men for whom no arms were to be found. There is another aspect of this defence problem which I think merits attention, and in this I cannot speak for the Labour party any more than for any other party, but I am hopeful that before long the Labour party will see as I see, and, as I am glad to say, a large proportion of the people of Australia see. I believe that a modification of the system in Switzerland might be suitable to Australia, because industry goes on unchecked. It will take some time to convince the people that we should take any steps in the direction of compulsory service, but I am hopeful that when it is realised there will be no check, so far as the development of industry is concerned. When these factors are realised by the community, that we are small people holding a vast area, under conditions that must excite the avidity of rivals, I trust they will look upon defence in a more serious light than at present.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEBTS.

Another matter not yet dealt with by the Federal Parliament is the question of debts. We were told prior to Federation that one result of the union would be that a centralised Government should assume the responsibility for debts. We have not up to the present taken any step in that direction. Against shifting or attempting to shift the responsibility from the Federal Parliament on to the shoulders of the State Premiers I protest. I protested last year against the action of Mr. Reid in taking a whole string of matters for which the Federal Parliament was responsible to the Hobart Conference, to worry the State Premiers. It is not reasonable to expect State Premiers to find a solution for Federal problems. They have their shoulders sufficiently loaded with matters with which the Federal Parliament has nothing to do, and therefore we should be prepared to take the swag on our shoulders and carry it. In regard to debts some urgent action is necessary, and we should be prepared to advise the people at once as to the course to be taken, but I do not believe any effective or economical method of dealing with the debts will be found possible until the constitution under which we are working has been altered. It is, I think, in the highest degree necessary that complete freedom of action should be allowed the Federal Parliament as to method and time and condition under which they will take charge of the various State departments. We require to be able to take over a maturing loan in any one of the States without being hampered by considerations as far as other States are concerned. As a case in point, I may refer to the five million loan which came due in Victoria not very long ago. If we had attempted to take responsibilities of that five millions we should have been compelled at the same moment, under the Constitution, to take over similar proportion of the debt of each of the other States, though perhaps none of them had a loan maturing at that particular moment. It is obvious that the time at which we get most advantage by the transference of responsibilities from the State to Federal authority is when a loan is maturing. We should have such an alteration of the Constitution as will allow freedom of action to Federal authorities in this respect. Then we could start at once with the transference of State debts. I am aware to talk of an alteration of the Constitution is rather formidable. There should not be a great difference of opinion in this direction, and an alteration can be ensured with comparative ease. In the first place we require to have a majority of two Houses of Parliament, and that I think can be obtained for the proposal I have outlined.

SEPARATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL FINANCE.

It is highly desirable at the earliest possible moment to separate State and Federal finances. To my mind it has always been a source of possible or probable dissatisfaction, and certainly an incentive towards extravagance to have one set of men raising money and another spending it. Each Parliament, State or Federal, should be saddled with the responsibility not only of carrying on the affairs of the Government, but of raising itself sufficient money to cover its own expenditure. I have no objection to people deciding to raise all the revenue from customs if they are in possession of their sober senses when they come to the decision, but I object to people being compelled to do it, perhaps against their will. I am prepared to recognise the difficulty which arose just after federation was brought about so far as adjusting the State finances was concerned, and I am willing, as one of the members of the Federal Parliament, to agree to some proposal that will have a guaranteeing effect so far as the return of revenue to the States is concerned. I admit that to suddenly drop out a large measure of revenue might lead us into serious difficulty, and therefore agree to the payment by the Federal Government to the State authorities of some fixed amount per annum for a specified period, but I am absolutely opposed to what was proposed at the last Premier's conference in Hobart, and carried in Sydney, in the former case to en-

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land the Braddon clause for 20 years, and in the latter to extend it practically for all time, and I will oppose it with all my power. I notice our friend Mr. Reid indicated only yesterday that he is prepared to go for an extension of the clause. It is curious to reflect that one of the principal objections raised by Mr. Reid to the adoption of the Federal Constitution by New South Wales was the fact that the Braddon clause was in it. (Laughter.) He voted for the Constitution when it was first put before the people, and told them that he was going to fulfil his pledge, but could not commend it to them. Why? Because New South Wales, he said, would be compelled to vote for the raising of £4 through Customs for every £1 that the Federal Government required. It seems to me to be an extraordinary change of front on the part of the right hon. gentleman, and I trust, no matter how men may agree with Mr. Reid about the awful results likely to follow the domination of the Labour party —(laughter)—that in this matter we shall have some regard for next generation as well as ourselves.

INCREASING POPULATION.

Another matter that demands attention and has been put forward very clearly by Mr. Deakin is that of increasing the population of Australia. I am at one with Mr. Deakin as to the desirability of doing that at the earliest possible moment. I am fully convinced of the desirability of encouraging immigration. We are told that the example of Canada must be followed, that we must develop our resources, that we must be prepared to spend money in bringing people to Australia, and we must be prepared to abolish differences between the cost of getting from Great Britain to Canada and the cost of coming to Australia. We in Australia are in the position that land has been taken up, and while the use of artificial manures and keener appreciation of the possibilities of dairy farming have extended cultivation further into drier areas, we can say to-day that there is practically no Government land available upon which to settle immigrants. I believe any large scheme of immigration is bound up almost entirely with the question of obtaining land for those who seek to come here. That being so, I am not prepared to vote any money from the taxpayers' pockets for the encouragement of immigration unless we first take steps to open up the land and ensure that immigrants who come here shall not add to their own undoing by being the means of increasing the values of land already privately held. (Cheers.) Provision for land settlement should form the prelude to any scheme for the attraction of immigrants. (Cheers.) We have room for an enormous population, but we must take steps to ensure that people who ask for land shall not go away dissatisfied. The people are blind to their own interests if they don't seize the readiest method of attaining their desire. (Cheers.)

FEDERAL LAND TAX.

We of the Federal Labour party say that a Federal graduated land tax on unimproved values should be the basis. (Cheers.) We say it should be done through the Federal Parliament. Since New Zealand entered upon this system of compelling settlement of what to them were large estates, and settling people on small areas, it had progressed by leaps and bounds.

REPLY TO MR. DEAKIN.

Mr. Deakin at Adelaide had invited the party to work in harmony with the Liberals. There were some Liberals who had done yeoman service to the labour cause. No good was to be done, however, by merging the Labour party into Mr. Deakin's party. The Prime Minister had put protection first, and some other questions were regarded as incidental. The Labour party put progressive legislation first, and regarded protection as incidental. The social condition of the people must take precedence of everything else. The Labour party, while willing to work with the Deakinites, as in the past, aimed, like other parties, at getting a majority of Parliament for itself. It is our duty to keep our party independent, and concentrate our efforts towards educating the people to our way of thinking. Mr. Deakin, in saying that Liberals had a clear programme, could only have been referring to the present Parliament. Except on the point of protection, the Federal Government had not yet indicated its programme. On the other hand, the Labour party has put forward a series of practical proposals which are not visionary as the Prime Minister has said. Our objective is not for immediate realisation, but it represents the ideal towards which we are moving.

MR. REID'S PROGRAMME.

Continuing, Mr. Watson said that Mr. Reid was in favour of taking over the Northern Territory. He agreed with Mr. Reid that South Australia should be relieved of the burden honourably carried on behalf of Australia, though he was not so sure about some of the conditions imposed. Mr. Reid was a sham anti-socialist, as Mr. Bruce Smith had shown. "So long as the resources of the Government can be used to assist private enterprise," Mr. Reid would not interfere. Mr. Reid was an anti-socialist when the great bulk of the people were concerned, but a socialist when it would help himself and his friends. The people of Australia were not content to mark time. Possessing such territory and genius for organisation they could make much more of this continent. Surely they could imagine the time when many millions more people would be inhabiting Australia, and if they went wisely to work some of them would yet live to bless the day when Australia federated, and people awoke to the vast possibilities which lay before them.

Mr. Watson spoke for two hours and four minutes. At the conclusion he was loudly cheered, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

His Excellency the Governor-General, attended by Mr. Share and Captain Balmain, left for Melbourne by last night's express to be present at the jubilee celebrations of the Melbourne University. His Excellency will to-day receive an "ad eundem" degree from the University, and will return to Sydney by to-morrow night's express.

Her Excellency Lady Northcote, accompanied by Miss Drummond, and attended by Captain the Hon. C. F. Greville, A.D.C., and Captain B. Kerr-Pearse, A.D.C., was present at the concert of the Sydney Liedertafel Society at the Town Hall last night.

The following are the times and dates of the visit to the western districts of New South Wales, on which his Excellency the Governor-General starts on May 3:—Thursday, May 3, leave Sydney 9.30 p.m.; Friday, May 4, arrive Dubbo 9.25 a.m.; Saturday, May 5, leave Dubbo 8.30 a.m., and arrive Bourke 3.10 p.m.; Monday, May 7, leave Bourke 8.30 a.m., and arrive Orange 6.40 p.m.; Tuesday, May 8, leave Orange 10.15 p.m., and arrive Bathurst 12 midnight; Thursday, May 10, leave Bathurst 12.30 a.m., and arrive Sydney 6.21 a.m.

Lord Chelmsford, Governor of Queensland, accompanied by Lady Chelmsford, left Toowoomba by the mail train yesterday for Sydney, en route to Tasmania.

A "Gazette" extraordinary was issued in Brisbane yesterday notifying the appointment of Chief Justice Cooper as Deputy Governor of Queensland, during the temporary absence of the Governor from the State.

Mr. B. B. O'Conor, Minister for Public Instruction, has arranged to visit Wellington on May 2 and perform the ceremony of opening the local Agricultural Show. On May 3 Mr. O'Conor will open the new school buildings at Leura.

Mr. C. J. Roberts, C.M.G., M.L.C., who has been on a visit to Ceylon, is a passenger by the P. and O. Company's R.M.S. India, which is due in Sydney this morning.

M.W. Bro. Remington, who on Tuesday night vacated the office of Grand Master of the Masonic fraternity in New South Wales, has received from the Masons of Broken Hill a jewel casket in the shape of a silver keystone, suitably inscribed, to be handed to Mrs. Remington. The gift is intended as an expression of the high esteem in which Bro. Remington is held by the members of the Broken Hill lodge. The gifts presented to Bros. Scott, Bray, and Toomey at the special communication of Grand Lodge on Tuesday night were from Bro. Remington personally, and on that account possess an even greater value than if they were made at the cost of the Grand Lodge funds.

Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald is in receipt of a cable from Rangoon, Burmah, confirming the news of the death on April 19 of his brother, Mr. Tom Fitzgerald. Deceased suffered from Bright's disease for over a year, and that probably was the direct cause of death. Mr. Dan Fitzgerald died on February 3 last. The two deceased and Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald were widely known as circus proprietors.

Mr. H. A. Smith, who for the past nine years has occupied the position of accountant of the National Bank of Australasia, Limited, has been appointed secretary of the bank in London, and will leave Sydney in the R.M.S. Omrah on May 5. Mr. Smith is well-known in banking circles, and is a member of the committee of the Bankers' Institute. He has for several years been a prominent figure among rowing men, being an active member of the Sydney Rowing Club, and one of the delegates of that club on the Rowing Association.

IRRIGATION IN RIVERINA

THE BARREN JACK SCHEME.

AN AUXILIARY INSTALMENT.

CUDGEL CREEK GRAVITATION WORKS.

OFFICIAL OPENING BY MR. LEE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

NARRANDERA, Wednesday.

While the Public Works Committee is inquiring into the construction of the Barren Jack reservoir scheme of gravitation irrigation for a portion of Riverina, Mr. Lee, Minister for Works, is acting on the sound advice tendered to him to go and see the country which is to be lifted from a comparative waste to a Garden of Eden. He has been afforded an opportunity to do this by the completion of a gravitation scheme in connection with the Cudgel Creek and Bundidgerry Creek and other branches of the Murrumbidgee. That scheme is at present independent of but should ultimately become an incidental part of the main Barren Jack, or, to give it its full flowing title, Barren Jack reservoir and Murrumbidgee irrigation scheme. It is the first large irrigation scheme brought by any New South Wales Government near accomplishment, and its main features may be briefly stated. There are three principal works, as follows:—

1. A high masonry dam at Barren Jack, on the Murrumbidgee River, to impound a body of water 200ft deep, and storing sufficient to cover a little more than three-quarters of a million acres to the depth of 1ft. 2. A diversion weir on the river at the head of Bundidgerry Creek, nearly 220 miles below the Barren Jack reservoir, to turn the river water into the main canal. 3. The main and subsidiary canals for leading the water on to the land to be irrigated. The total estimated cost of the scheme chargeable to the Murrumbidgee northern canal is about £100,000, while the amount of irrigable land commanded by the canal is estimated at 257,000 acres, of which 102,000 acres will be watered. It is proposed to resume a large part of this area, and resell to settlers on easy terms, and as it is of splendid quality for irrigation culture, capable of growing to perfection all fruits suitable to the climate, lucerne, and other fodder crops, it is claimed that it should, under a system of mixed farming, command almost certain success. A large and prosperous settlement stretching westward from Narrandera as far as Gunbar should, it is estimated, eventually grow up, making the south-western railway one of the best paying, instead of, as at present, one of the worst paying lines in the State, and making the district one of the leading districts for agricultural, pastoral, horticultural, and allied industries in New South Wales, or even in Australia.

As to the particular work which Mr. Lee officially opened to-day, the following description is supplied:—The first request for the carrying out of this, the first portion of the larger northern Murrumbidgee irrigation scheme, was received by Mr. O'Sullivan, then Minister for Works, from the Narrandera Council in May, 1903, and in August, 1903, Sir S. M'Caughey, M.L.C., offered to find the money to carry it out, taking Government 4 per cent. stock in repayment, or in lieu of interest a quantity of water. The Water Conservation Board recommended the work as a "State work," and the recommendation was approved on September 10, 1903. Preliminaries were arranged, but then, owing to the representations of down river settlers, the Minister decided that the work should stand over. Mr. Bennett, his successor, again submitted the matter to the Cabinet, but no further progress was made.

On the accession to power of the present Government Mr. Lee approved of the matter again being brought forward, and as the lands to be irrigated by the Murrumbidgee northern canal had in the meantime been classified, and the best lands for irrigation found to be along the foothills running north-westerly from Narrandera, the principal engineer for water supply gave instructions to secure an offtake as high up as possible in order that the main canal could be kept to the northernmost point, so as to command the lands in question. An investigation showed that the Bundidgerry Creek channel could be utilised for canal purposes, thus minimising the cutting required, while an almost ideal site for a diversion weir could be obtained near Berembed station, and a gain of 11 feet more height at Narrandera than would have been possible under the original proposal could be secured.

Sir S. McCaughey had in the interval again approached the Government, stating that pending the construction of the main scheme if the Government would construct a cutting from the Murrumbidgee River, through Oak Creek, into the Bundidgerry Creek, and thence to the Cudgel Creek along the line of the proposed main channel, he would pay absolutely for all works in connection therewith which could not be used for the main scheme, and would pay interest at 4 per cent. per annum on the cost of such works as could be used for the main scheme, in return for which he asked for the use of the water reaching Cudgel Creek thereby till the main canal was constructed.

An agreement was drawn up embodying these and other conditions safeguarding the public rights, and was duly signed by the Minister for Public Works and Sir S. McCaughey, and a tender for construction of the cuttings was accepted in June, 1905. This is the work, together with the necessary bridges regulator, etc, which, though delayed for some months by floods, is now completed, and it is hoped is the first instalment of that larger and more important work, the main northern Murrumbidgee canal, now under inquiry by the Public Works Committee.

The Ministerial party, which reached Narrandera before noon to-day, comprised the Minister for Works, Messrs. E. W. O'Sullivan, M'Garry, Ball, and Levy, Ms.L.A., Mr. L. A. B. Wade (Engineer for Water Supply), Mr. R. T. M'Kay (Assistant Engineer), Mr. Horsfall (owner of Widgiewa Station), Mrs. and Miss Lee. They were received on the station by the Mayor, Alderman E. C. H. Matthews, and Mr. W. J. Elworthy, secretaries of the arrangements committee, and many citizens, including Sir Samuel M'Caughey, the Riverina sheep king and owner of Yanko Station. There was a formal reception at the Royal Mail Hotel, where Mr. M'Garry, member for the district, spoke briefly, and the Minister replied. The party were then entertained at a private luncheon given by Sir Samuel M'Caughey. In the afternoon the Minister was driven at the head of a long procession of vehicles out to Bundidgerry Creek, some nine miles from town, where the dam and sluice gates are erected. After the visitors had made an interesting inspection of the works, the whole party assembled on the bridge near the valve screws, and the Mayor made a little speech.

THE OPENING CEREMONY.

He said the occasion would in years to come rank as historic, inasmuch as it was the first large work of irrigation by gravitation in New South Wales. The work had, to a large extent, been accomplished through the efforts of Sir S. M'Caughey, but Mr. Lee was the first Minister in this State who had done anything practical in such a connection, though of course irrigation had been talked of for years. The excellent season they were having just as the first work was done seemed to augur well. It was perhaps an omen of success, and if it was successful he felt sure the whole of the Government schemes in Riverina would, if carried out, be successful. He asked the Minister to open the canal gates. (Applause.)

The Minister for Works said he felt deeply impressed with the pleasant duty that fell to his lot that day. He was sure he was standing in the midst of a lot of earnest men who could value the results which it was anticipated would arise from irrigation. That little work was, as the Mayor had said, the first gravitation scheme undertaken by the State, but it was not more work designed for that immediate district. It was but the first part of a great scheme which the Government had in view. (Applause.) They would be glad to know that their valued fellow citizen had brought that scheme to a successful issue, but it would be tenfold more gratifying to them to know that the Government intended that that work should grow into a large scheme to the benefit of thousands of people. (Applause.) If the generosity of the public allowed him to remain in his present position he trusted it would not be long before the larger scheme was put in hand. The Government would be trifling with the people if it allowed them to suppose that that work was the beginning of the end. He wished it to be clearly understood from him that that was only a stepping-stone towards the greater scheme.

PRIVATE VERSUS PUBLIC INTERESTS.

He wished to explain for public information that the quantity of water that Sir S. M'Caughey would receive by that work would be no more than he was entitled to take under his existing pumping scheme, but it would enable him to get the water at a lower level, and by gravitation, instead of by his pumping scheme for which he has borne the whole cost. He mentioned that because it had been said that undue preference had been shown to a private individual. Had the Public Works Department done this work equally as well and as speedily as it could have been done by a private individual? (Applause.) If they were of the affirmative opinion then that work could be taken as an example of what could be done in the future. If he laid his hand to the larger work he would not be satisfied till he had brought it to a successful conclusion, as he had that particular instalment. (Applause.) But they must not forget that gentleman who had been so largely instrumental in bringing that work to a completion, because if it had not been for Sir S. M'Caughey finding the money, Cudgel Creek cutting might have had to wait till the larger scheme was completed.

COMPLAINTS FROM THE LOWER RIVER.

He would like to say to the people living along the lower stretches of the Murrumbidgee, who were good citizens, and had had their struggles against droughts and floods, and who were now nervous as to the results of the scheme, and fearful that the intention of the Government was to eventually rob them of the water rights they had enjoyed for so many years, that it was not the remotest intention of the Government to deprive them by any scheme of the maximum of water they had enjoyed in the past. More than that, when the Barren Jack scheme was applied there would be under the lowest possible conditions of the river more water released daily and per second and delivered at the off-take at Narrandera to flow down the Murrumbidgee River for all purposes than there had ever been under similar weather and river conditions. The scheme would give them even in the worst possible drought a continuous flow for stock and domestic purposes. (Applause.)

IS THE SCHEME SOUND?

It had been most widely circulated throughout the whole of the Murrumbidgee country and many miles beyond that the Government was not sure what it was doing, or in other words that the Government was placing before the State a great scheme of water conservation and irrigation without knowing exactly where they were. The Government had, with the aid of Mr. Wade and its other expert officers, studied most closely what the capacity of the storage would be, what its behaviour would be, the number of persons who could be maintained on the soil, and the quantity of water that could be released for the maintenance of the Murray and Murrumbidgee. Everything was being calculated, from a nail to the full plan of the works. The matter was before the Public Works Committee, and to an extent therefore his mouth was closed. The decision rested with the committee, and the Government invited the fullest criticism. Those for or against the scheme should remember it was their duty to say it to the Public Works Committee. (Hear, hear.)

CONCLUDING WORDS.

He would not refer to the possibilities under irrigation of the magnificent district in which they stood, for irrigation was no newfangled idea. This State was following in the footsteps of the most successful nations, and was endeavouring to avoid their errors. The Government wanted to offer to all the people opportunities of settling on the lands of the west under conditions of comfort, instead of compelling them, the womenfolk more particularly, to suffer all the hardships of far distant homemaking. Irrigation meant transformation from the miseries of the often waterless west to the comforts of homes with cheerful surroundings. He hoped that that particular work would lead Sir S. M'Caughey to increase his valuable undertakings. It would be a national benefit to see him apply that water in such a way that it would be an object-lesson to the rest of the community of settlers and would-be settlers. (Hear, hear.) It might yet be that the Government will call upon him for land and water to permit of the establishment of demonstration farms, which, if Barren Jack was approved of, it was his intention to carry out. He did not want to send people out on to barren land until they were first taught how to apply water to it, and use it to the best advantage under a water scheme. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Lee then raised the valve, and as the sluice-gates were lifted a fine stream of backed-up water rushed out and tore down the long cutting, on its way to enter the reticulation channels on Yanco Estate. As the water flowed, under the operation of the lever, which the Minister worked, he said: "This is the lever which is to transform the Murrumbidgee country, and make it one of the gardens of the earth." Cheers were given for the Minister, for Sir S. M'Caughey, for the Mayor, and for Mrs. Lee, and the party returned to town.

A CITIZENS' DINNER.

PRESENTATION TO MR. LEE.

In the evening Mr. Lee was entertained by the citizens at a dinner in the Town Hall. The Mayor presided, and in proposing the health of the Ministry, said the Government had put into practice many commendable political designs; but what most appealed to people in Riverina was the expressed approval of the Minister of schemes of water conservation and irrigation. He believed Mr. Lee's statement that the Government was in deadly earnest, and he also believed the country would be grateful for it.

The Mayor presented to the Minister an address of welcome and a handsome silver service in remembrance of the opening of the Cudgel Creek works.

The Minister for Works, who was loudly cheered on rising, expressed his keen pleasure at the hospitality of his hosts. The presentation was the first that he had had in the course of 22 years of public life, and as it would go down as an heirloom to his family, he was hardly able to voice his pride. (Cheers.) He spoke of the prosperous condition of the State, and said that if the Government had restored the stocks of the State to their proper position on the London market, it could claim to have carried out its promise to the country. Speaking of federation, he said that though he was not pleased with the way the compact was working, he was satisfied that the British people south of the equator could be trusted to achieve their destiny. On the question of immigration, he felt assured that the greatest attraction to people on the other side of the world would be irrigation. Here we were going in for water conservation and irrigation. The Barren Jack scheme would bring agriculture as near a certainty as it was possible to bring any venture. The sincerity of the Government in the matter had been impugned, but merely the Government had given evidence that it was in earnest. The initial work was established that day, and he trusted the next work would be Barren Jack. Never before had such a stage been reached. The Premiers' agreement regarding the Murray waters had given New South Wales a freer hand than was really necessary in the use of the waters of the Murrumbidgee, and he sincerely hoped the people on the lower river would rest confident that they would get more rather than less water than hitherto. Some might probably have to suffer for the general good, but they would find in the State an equitable master.

A PRESS CRITICISM.

He regretted to have to say that in a great paper like the "Sydney Morning Herald" they found statements regarding the proposals of the Government of the country which were absolutely opposite to the truth. It was necessary for him to give them an absolute denial. He regretted that while inviting criticism he should be criticised from a point of view that never existed. That was not fair criticism. That reference to the matter was of such a serious character that one would think he had been guilty of some awful crime. It was marked "On the Land"—"The Small Block Mania"—and a few more head lines, such as "Mr. Lee's Criminality"—and he improved it. (Laughter.) It stated, "Mr. Lee began well. He showed overflowing enthusiasm, and took official steps which were promising, but he suddenly left the track, and, listening to a wild cat project of settling six or seven thousand of people on little blocks, where they were to exist chiefly on the fruits of farming, he forfeited his claim to the trust of the public." Nothing could be stronger than that. No criminal could be charged more severely than that. First of all, he wanted to know where he had got off the track, and where was the wild cat scheme, because the only scheme he had was the Barren Jack scheme, and he had made no deviation from that. Then the article went on to say, "Mr. Lee's course has been extraordinary. The one fact in favour of his proposal is that the country which would be served by water from a reservoir at Barren Jack is capable of fruit production, and that satisfies him. He will build the weir, cut the canals, resume tens of thousands of acres of land, and settle 6000 settlers on 30-acre blocks." He thought all who were connected with the Irrigation League, and who had had copies of the proceedings of the recent conference would say they had found no indication of an intention on the part of the Government to settle all that land in 30-acre blocks. He did not know of it, and had never heard of it. The scheme did not limit anybody to any area of land. The land certainly might be, and would be, open in small as well as medium and large blocks from 30 to 200 acres, if necessary, and not only for the production of fruit, but everything that a farmer could produce. His success would lie in mixed farming. Who on earth ever said it would be in small areas only, and for fruit farming alone? His words had always been, "never put all your eggs in one basket." He would say with the greatest pride that the area to be influenced would produce all the fresh and dried fruits required by Australia. The papers cried out for men to be put on the land, but as soon as the Government began to put men on the land these papers made a false attack. That was the sort of thing Narrandera had to fight against. The Carruthers Government had put their hand to this scheme, and they were going to make a start. He was not going to be frightened by newspaper criticism. He was going to stand firm by what he had decided on, and he was sure people would stand by him. (Cheers.) That portion of the State would be covered with homes equal to anything in the land. The word irrigation would be a living word, and no longer a cry. (Cheers.)

Mr. R. W. Hulle proposed "The Parliament," and Sir Samuel McCaughey and Messrs. O'Sullivan, McGarry, Ball, and Levy responded.

FEDERAL POLITICS.

THE OPPOSITION POLICY.

THE FIGHT AGAINST SOCIALISM.

MR. DEAKIN'S COMMENTS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

"Once more the mountain in labour has produced its mouse," said Mr. Deakin to-day in criticising Mr. Reid's speech at the Farmers' Conference. "Mr. Reid has announced what he is pleased to call his policy. After all, what does it consist of but 14 vague and meaningless generalities, which might be adopted almost by anyone, of five minor matters, and one unequivocal statement of his intentions.

"Take the last first, for it is really the kernel of this so-called policy. Of course, as usual, he offers a mere negation, a fiscal truce. His exact proposal is, 'Let us sink our fiscal views in a fiscal truce, and this very session do all we can, without raising the fiscal question, to give immediate effect to the report of the Tariff Commission.' This really means that Parliament is to do nothing fiscal now or for a long time to come. Anomalies should be removed, of course, but the greatest possible anomaly is the perpetuation of protectionist duties which do not protect. This is by far the most important of all anomalies, and that which most urgently calls for removal. Mr. Reid first refuses to touch it this session, and then invites the country to authorise his further refusal to touch it for the next three years. We, on the other hand, propose to remove this anomaly as soon as possible, and, until it is removed, to declare a fiscal truce is impossible.

"Mr. Reid's second important plank is supposed to be described as 'a fight against socialism'—an 'ism' which he either cannot or will not define. He has a good deal to say about some of the beliefs of Mr. Holman, but as Mr. Holman is not a Federal member, and, so far as I am aware, no one intends to submit any of his projects during the next Parliament, it need not concern us now. The plank of Mr. Reid's platform merely means that he will ask the electors a few months hence to return his party at the polls pledged to oppose what no one will propose. Could anything be more nugatory?

"There are a few crumbs of detail scattered at the tail of the programme when Mr. Reid becomes sufficiently explicit.

"(1) Mr. Reid hopes to repeal the clause in the Postal Act which prevents the P. and O. steamers from receiving our mail subsidies, while they are manned by coloured crews.

"(2) Mr. Reid wishes to repeal that part of the Contract Labour Act so as to put all Europeans on the same footing as the people of the mother country.

"(3) Mr. Reid wishes to destroy that part of the Trade Marks Act which affords protection against fraudulent imitation of union labels, which protection he would apparently leave to non-union labels and other trade marks.

"(4) Mr. Reid wishes to interpose another set of Court proceedings in Federal Arbitration cases.

"(5) Mr. Reid would authorise preference to unionists under voluntary agreements only, and prevent its expansion by a common rule.

"The curious feature about this series is that Mr. Reid should produce them now. Every one of the particular amendments which he now believes to be necessary were at least equally necessary when he was in power, yet he then met Parliamnt without asking it to alter a single one of them. It is only since he lost the opportunity of remedying these grievances that he tardily comes forward to call for their cure.

"Practically, therefore, with a few exceptions above mentioned, Mr. Reid still runs unclad, politically, except with his 'necklace of negatives.' He borrows Mr. Douglas's quip that this metaphor of mine may be applied to the ten commandments, apparently forgetting that the old dispensation under which these prohibitions sufficed has been superseded for at least 1900 years by a new dispensation in which they are replaced by positive precepts.

"But why chase Mr. Reid through his vagaries? When he goes on to speak of putting out a bush fire as a negative performance, one can only conclude, and with confidence, that he never took any active part in that kind of protection to farmers or producers. What is he doing to help them today? Australian industries are shrivelling under our defective tariff, but they may be turned to cinders so far as he is concerned, without his making the slightest effort to protect them. He hails importations from anywhere of agricultural produce, or manufactures produced under any conditions, carried by rail at rates which amount to one bounty, and brought to our shores by subsidised steamers at freights which amount to another bounty. To practical dangers of this kind Mr. Reid remains impervious. He is busy picturing impossible political revolutions, in order to intimidate the inconsiderate into giving him a mandate to do nothing for the next four years, as he did nothing last year, except encourage the obstruction of public business."

MR. DEAKIN'S NEXT SPEECH.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The next point of political interest is the forthcoming speech of the Prime Minister at Camperdown on Friday night. Mr. Deakin promises to deal generally with the political situation, which may be taken to mean that he will address himself to the change which has come about owing to the Victorian Labour Conference deciding to cut adrift when election time comes all those who have been associated with the Federal Labour party in Parliament. He will also have more to say with reference to Mr. Reid's speech at the Farmers' Conference.

MR. REID AT ALBURY.

ALBURY, Wednesday.

Mr. G. H. Reid, M.P., addressed a large meeting to-night at the Federal Theatre, on political questions of the day. The Mayor (Alderman ten Brink) presided. Mr. Reid, who met with a good reception, dealt mainly with the question of socialism, going over much the same ground as traversed in his Melbourne speech yesterday. A vote of thanks was carried at the close of the address.

COMBINATION AGAINST SOCIALISM.

FARMERS, PROPERTY OWNERS, AND PRODUCERS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Farmers, Property Owners, and Producers' Association Conference passed last night a motion expressing a hope that the Tariff Commission report would be dealt with during the coming session, on the lines of the compromise indicated by Mr. Reid and Mr. M'Lean, with a view to a final settlement of the fiscal system.

It was further resolved that the central council should before the elections took place, make a list of candidates to be supported by this and affiliated leagues.

Another resolution was passed as follows:—

"That in view of the domination of the Federal Parliament by Labour Socialists, who are endeavouring to assume powers for the Federal Legislature, beyond those granted by the Constitution, this league pledges itself to support the State Parliaments in their efforts to maintain State rights."

Other resolutions were passed, and the conference closed.

THE JAPANESE WARSHIPS.

FESTIVITIES AT TOWNSVILLE.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Admiral Shimamura and the chief officers of his staff were entertained at luncheon to-day by the chief naval and military officers of Townsville. This afternoon a citizens' garden party in the Botanical Gardens was largely attended, and was a great success. To-night the Japanese Consulate was gaily decorated, and the Acting Consul entertained the Admiral, his officers, and leading citizens.

The "Iron and Coal Trades Review," which is the official organ of the British Iron Trade Association, recently published the statistics of the production of iron as collected by that organisation. The figures show that the total output of pig-iron during the past year was 9,592,737 tons, being an increase of 1,030,079 tons as compared with the previous twelve months. The make of the past year has been the largest in the history of the British iron industry. The average number of furnaces in blast during the year was 246, and the average annual output per furnace was 27,724 tons, which compares with 325 furnaces in blast and an average output of 26,346 tons in the previous year. The stocks of iron in stores at the end of 1905 and in makers' hands in Scotland were 349,000 tons against 397,000 tons at the end of 1904.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

MR. REID'S MELBOURNE SPEECH.

Sir William Lyne was not disposed yesterday to discuss Mr. Reid's speech at the opening of the Farmers and Producers' Conference in Melbourne on Tuesday. The Minister for Trade and Customs considered that until he could go into the whole thing thoroughly, which he has not yet had an opportunity of doing, it was not worth while to attempt to criticise the leader of the Federal Opposition. "He requires so much explanation," said the Minister, "that really it takes more time than I have to spare. A man who wanted to follow him should have nothing to do but read his explanations."

THE COMMERCE ACT.

CONFERENCE IN SYDNEY.

Some misunderstanding appears to have occurred as to where State powers will end and Federal authority commence under the Commerce Act. Mr. Swinburne, Victorian Minister for Agriculture and Water Supply, has suggested the passing of legislation by the Victorian Parliament to deal with the grading of butter, and the subject was referred to yesterday by Sir William Lyne, under whose department the Commerce Act will be administered. Sir William explained that there was nothing whatever to prevent the States grading butter, for instance, for home consumption or for export to other States; but immediately goods were to be exported to other countries the Federal authority would come in. "It may be," added the Minister for Trade and Customs, "I will get a harmonious arrangement with the States' Governments that will relieve the States and the Commonwealth of a good deal of expense. That is, however, entirely a matter for further negotiations. We cannot tell what arrangements are possible until the trade descriptions are fixed, and the States' Acts passed."

The conference of delegates representing various industries to discuss the proposed regulations under the Commerce Act is to be opened on Monday next. Sir William Lyne will address the delegates and give a synopsis of the measure, explaining what the department is desirous should be done. It is desired that the true descriptions of articles shall be arranged without causing any undue trouble or friction between the department and the commercial community. Sir William denies a statement that was telegraphed from Melbourne to the effect that he was not bothering about imports, which were a very secondary consideration under the regulation. He considers that he was either intentionally misrepresented, or the item of news was obtained second-hand. What he said with regard to imports was that regulations would be passed, but that they could be dealt with to a large extent in the first instance under the Customs Act, because all that is required in regard to them is a true description of their composition, and the way they are made. At the same time, the necessary regulations are being framed, and will be ready without undue delay.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Meetings of the butter, meat, and fruit exporters were held yesterday to appoint delegates to the Sydney conference on the Commerce Act. At the butter trade meeting a very long discussion took place, and a motion was carried: "That this meeting is in favour of a voluntary system of grade marks, corresponding to marks on certificates, being placed on boxes; these marks to be for identification only, and to give no indication of quality." Mr. W. B. Pleasants was appointed delegate to the conference. The meat exporters' meeting appointed Mr. W. Anderson delegate, and a sub-committee of four to confer with him. The fruit export trade appointed Mr. S. J. Perry delegate, and a sub-committee of six to confer with him.

ALIENS AND THE FRANCHISE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The question of the franchise as regards children of aliens, and also as to white women married to aliens, has been under review by the Minister for Home Affairs, and upon advice received instructions have been issued to electoral officers that foreigners' children who have been born out of the Commonwealth, and who have come here with their parents while under 21 years of age, and whose parents subsequently become naturalised under the Act of 1903, are entitled to become enrolled as electors on attaining the age of 21. A woman who is a British subject, and who marries an alien in Australia, notwithstanding the fact that her husband is an alien, will be allowed to vote as though she were a single woman.

THE REDIVISIONS.

The final report from the Electoral Commissioner of Queensland has been sent in. Those of New South Wales and Victoria are now awaited. The time for the former has already expired.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average rainfall for 47 years, 49.047.
Average for 48 years from January 1 to March 31, 15.367.
Total from January 1 to April 25, 7.747.
Total for corresponding period of previous year, 18.250.
Greatest wind velocity for past 24 hours, 16 miles.
Temperatures: Maximum, 71.7; minimum, 51.9; at 9 p.m., 63.
Barometer: At 9 a.m., 29.965; at 3 p.m., 29.814; at 9 p.m., 29.898.
Humidity: At 9 a.m., 64; at 3 p.m., 41; at 9 p.m., 51.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 30.01; Perth, 30.22; Esperance Bay, 30.36; Eucla, 30.31; Streaky Bay, 30.23; Adelaide, 30.12; Robe, 29.99; Portland, 29.89; Melbourne, 29.87; Wilson's Promontory, 29.84; Gabo Island, 29.82; Cape St. George, 29.89; Newcastle, 30.00; Port Macquarie, 30.03; Clarence Heads, 29.98; Brisbane, 30.01; Rockhampton, 30.07; Cooktown, 30.00.

RAIN REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Casino 6 points, Clarence 2, Glen Innes 3, Grafton 30, Mullumbimby 8, Tabulam 75, Woolgoolga 96.
Additional measurement at 3 p.m.—Kiandra 16 points.

SCOPE OF THE RAINFALL.

New South Wales.—Light to moderate and scattered in the NE, with some thunderstorms.
Victoria.—Light to heavy in the south-west, light and scattered elsewhere.
Tasmania.—Heavy on the west coast, light on the east.

SYNOPSIS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Fine and pleasant weather prevailed generally during the day, and cool fresh temperatures at night; rain at scattered places occurred in the north-eastern districts, with some thunderstorms; and early this morning it rained lightly at one or two places near the Murray.
South Australia.—Fine but cloudy to overcast throughout, showery in places.
Victoria.—Scattered showers in southern half and on ranges, fine but cloudy to overcast elsewhere.
Queensland.—Fine and clear on the coast and in the south-west, cloudy to threatening in the south-east.
Western Australia.—Fine and clear throughout.
Tasmania.—Mostly fine and clear.
New Caledonia.—Fine, clear, and calm at Gomen.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, NW, fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Byron Bay, NW, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Ballina, NW, cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, N, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, calm, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, calm, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, calm, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, calm, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, SW, light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, W, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Newcastle, NW, light, hazy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, W, light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, W, light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, S, fine, sea smooth; South Head, W, moderate, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, NW, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, SW, light, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, W, light, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, W, fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Ulladulla, SW, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, W, strong, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, N, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Eden, E, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Green Cape, S, light, cloudy, sea slight.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Strong, squally, and dusty W to SW winds, fine over greater part of the State, with cool to cold temperatures generally, but unsettled to showery south of the Lachlan; rain is also likely on the extreme north coast and on parts of the southern seaboard, with hail; rough weather in the Straits.—H. A. Hunt.
Victoria.—Cloudy, squally, intermittent showers in southern districts, but clearing up at intervals; finer far inland; generally NW to SW winds, blowing fresh gales in Straits; rough sea.—P. Baracchi.
South Australia.—Still cloudy, with occasional showers in coastal districts; W and SW winds; rough and squally to the south-east.—C. Todd.
Western Australia.—Fine, moderate, to warm weather for the present.—W. E. Cooke.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR APRIL 26.

Sun rises 6.25, sets 5.21; Moon, 5.50 a.m., 7.1 p.m.; Mercury, 4.23 a.m., 4.20 p.m.; Venus, 7.51 a.m., 6.15 p.m.; Mars, 8.20 a.m., 6.32 p.m.; Jupiter, 9.7 a.m., 7.15 p.m.; Saturn, 2.13 a.m., 3.7 p.m.
Full Moon, May 9; New Moon, May 23.
High Water at Fort Denison, 9.46 a.m., 10.5 p.m.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—April 25.

Miowera, R.M.S., 3393 tons, Captain Hemming, from Vancouver, via ports. Passengers—Mr. G. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. M'Kelvie and infant, Miss K. M. Marshall, Mr. A. Thompson, Mr. Simonet, Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Bourne and infant, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hughes, Mr. J. Maule, Mr. A. Maule, Mr. and Mrs. Garnham, Mr. J. L. Clarke, Mr. Haycock, Mrs. Mott, Master Mott, Mr. A. Waters, Mrs. S. Parker, Mr. A. R. Schmidt, Mrs. M. A. Martin, Mrs. L. Brooksby, Mr. A. Brooksby, Mrs. R. Lishman, Mr. A. Falconer, Hon. and Mrs. C. B. Swayne, Mr. D. H. Ross, Miss Byrnes, Miss Malmcy, Mr. J. Santos. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Prinz Waldemar, s, 3327 tons, Captain Walteman, from Yokohama, Kobe, and Kuchinotsu (Japan), Hongkong, Manila, Frederick Wilhelmshafen (German New Guinea), Simpsonshafen (New Britain), and Samarai (British New Guinea). Passengers—Mr. P. E. Stirton, Mr. Hinton, Mr. Aug. Frings, Mrs. L. K. Taylor, Missionary Vitter, Mr. A. Rasmussen, Mr. G. Hop, Mr. S. Loney, Mr. Ah Kaye, Mr. Ah Yee, Mr. Ah Yee, Mr. Lung Quong, Mr. Gay Poy, Mr. Sing Lee, Mr. Ah Chun, Mr. Fook Wah, Mr. Ah Uck, Mr. Culvey, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Gialot, Mr. Sulu, Mr. Mallet. Lohmann and Co., agents.

Monowai, s, 3433 tons, Captain C. M'Donald, from Wellington. Passengers—Misses Rotop, E. Denham, Brandon, Dale, Williams, M'Gillivray, Cleary, Selfe, Horne (2), Selby, Isaacson, Hindmarsh, Perry, Ellery, R. Byron, Beattie, Pollard, Buckmann (2), Phillips, Wyatt, Birgin, Hammond, Morgan, Mitchell, White, Redford, Golwick, Grace, Taylor, Darby, Monahan, Sefton, Allen, Whittern, Hannaford, Clayton, Hudson, Bailey, Murphy, Phillips, Jones, and Robertson, Mesdames Holdship, Hislop, Parker, Alsop, Pitman, Weston, Rollston, Perriman and child, Bell, Kirby, Marsden, Henderson, E. Morgan, Clements and child, Reck, Little and child, Tuckle, Taylor and 4 children), Stephenson, Urchampton, Laver, White, Hamilton and infant, Beere, Dickham, Albers, Gray, Kreckler, Sydney, Glaeric, Mason, Jones, Robertson, Mortinsen and child, Messrs. Puckle, Vipan, Hislop, Halylett, Copeland, Cooke, Alsop, Laver, E. Ritchie, Illard, Kirby, R. Russell, P. Cleary, Downie, P. Markey, M'Clurg, Alexander, Clements, Beit, Rodgers, Ward, A. E. Talbot, E. Wright, P. Borne, Taylor, Lawrie, Stephenson, Barker, Hardy, Urchampton, Bronson, Steward, Charlesworth, Allison, Bellingbrook, Easty, Chapman, Moss, Lissant, Stead, Bovis, Albert Bovis, Lowe, Hill, Sutton, Bibby, Rattlebone, White, Major Davy, Reed, Miller, Horton, Reynolds, Davidson, J. Cox, L. M'Kay, Reeves, J. Wade, Goodire, Volkner, Sandeman, Brocket, Albers, Parsons, Swener, Francis, Shepherd, Hannaford, Gibbs, Grey, Grandy, Lord, Butt, Butler, Bell, Thompson, Hughes, Hodgers, Ashman, Bambetta, Barraclough, English, Cosgrove, Walmsley, Linscott, Polson, Moroney, Kreckler, Charlton, Gibson, Sutton, Woods, M'Kinnon, Corwell, Bates, Leech, Sutton, Gilmour, Nelson, Ohrbead, Smithe, M'Kee, Sadler, Minon, Clifford, East, Olsen, Greenwood, Whittaker, Morgan, Richards, Reynolds, Mayward, L. Jones, Mathieson, Fyfe, Henry, Hayward, Mason, Dennis, Williams, Vakey, Jones, Rosacker, Rainger, Mortison, East, and Nott. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Sildra, Nor. s, 2267 tons, Captain Christiansen, from Manila.

Newcastle, s, 1251 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Oonah, s, 1757 tons, Captain J. V. Bentley, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Albuera, sh, 1302 tons, Captain Walker, from Glasgow. Mason Brothers, Limited, agents.

S. D. Carlton, sh., 1671 tons, Captain M'Naught, from Ballard, Puget Sound. Passengers—Mrs. McNaught and 2 children. R. Little and Co., agents.

Burrawong, s, 391 tons, Captain Innes, from Macleay River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Wauchope, s, 269 tons, Captain F. W. Merrett, from Port Macquarie. Alex. Kethel and Co., agents.

DEPARTURES.—April 25.

Nikko Maru, J.M.S., for Yokohama, via ports.
Wakatipu, s, for Launceston, via Eden.
Himalaya, R.M.S., for London, via Hobart and ports.
Kyarra, s, for Fremantle, via ports.
Manuka, s, for Auckland.
Grantala, s, for Brisbane.
Uganda, s, for Bombay, via ports.
Monowai, s, for Newcastle.
Menelaus, s, for London, via Newcastle and ports.
Elleric, s, for Guaymas and San Francisco.
Gwydir Castle, bq, for Callao, via Newcastle.
Handa Isle, bqtn, for Auckland, via Newcastle.
Malaita, s, for Newcastle.
Chillagoe, s, for Melbourne, via Kembla.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—April 26.

Oonah, s, for Hobart; Coomonderry, s, for Moruya and Wagonga; Ripple, s, for Moruya and Bateman's Bay; Bega, s, for Eden, via ports; Wauchope, s, for Port Macquarie; Duranbah, s, for Tweed River; Ramornie, s, for Richmond River; Burrawong, s, for Macleay River; Pyrmont, s, for Port Macquarie; Bellinger, s, for Camden Haven and ports; Sydney, s, for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—April 25.

Manuka, s, 4505 tons, Captain Edwin Phillips, for New Zealand ports, via Auckland. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. H. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Bastings, Mr. and Mrs. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. M'Alwey and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Kettlewell and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. Leatham, Mesdames A. Denney, F. D. Darcy, F. W. Bloomfield, Meaner and child, Stichbury, Douglas, Duff, Mullaly, Dawson, J. T. Hutchison, Wooten, J. T. Bourne, Misses E. Field, A. Bartlett, M. Gallagher, Jobson, Boys, Davies, Webster (2), Robertson, G. Hutchison, Deushire, Cargo, Stichbury (2), Douglas (2), Bishop, Geering, Duff (2), Messrs. Schofield, R. Neilson, Falk, Hicks, Saunders, Parr, Hammond, Greig, F. Tenney, C. F. Stichbury, Trenwith, R. Crawford, Glovett, A. M'Phee, A. Reekie, H. Clark, Harvey, Jobson, Carter, Connors, Cox, Langham (3), Rev. Murphy, Teireira, Davies, Thomson, J. Stichbury, Ferguson, Geddis, Bloomfield, W. J. Vance, Proctor, G. S. Grigsby, S. Wood, A. L. Archer, C. M'Kenzie, Stacey, Elles (2), and Sir Fred. Morton Searle; and 46 in the steerage.

Himalaya, R.M.S., 6898 tons, Captain E. Streat, for London, via Hobart and ports, with passengers as per list published yesterday.

Menelaus, s, 4672 tons, Captain J. Riepenhausen, for London, via Newcastle and Brisbane.

Kyarra, s, 6973 tons, Captain G. Savage, for Fremantle, via ports, with passengers.

Uganda, s, 5366 tons, Captain P. L. Wadge, for Bombay, via ports.

Handa Isle, bqtn, 261 tons, Captain J. W. Denison, for Auckland, via Newcastle.

Chillagoe, s, 1490 tons, Captain W. Firth, for Melbourne, via Kembla.

Nikko Maru, J.M.S., 5589 tons, Captain E. W. Haswell, for Manila, Hongkong, and Yokohama, via ports, with passengers as per list published yesterday.

Wakatipu, s, 1945 tons, Captain C. Suffern, for Launceston, via Eden.

Earl of Carrick, s, 3036 tons, Captain E. D. Grant, for Brisbane.

Grantala, s, 3655 tons, Captain McKenzie, for Brisbane.

Elleric, 3578 tons, Captain Findlay, for Guaymas, and San Francisco, en route from Newcastle.

Wellgundie, s, 4035 tons, Captain E. Kuhlmann, for Bremen, via ports.

Gywdyr Castle, bq, 1406 tons, Captain Davies, for Callao, via Newcastle.

IMPORTS.—April 25.

Miowera, R.M.S., from Vancouver, via ports: 104 cs rubber shoes, 46 cs rubber, 1 cs rubber coats, 5 cs rubber packing, 1 bl rubber hose, 774 cs salmon, 21 bls hops, 57 pkgs machinery, 3 cs corsets, 31 crts sewing machines, 5 cs sewing machines, 50 bls dom. cotton, 4 bls dom cotton flannelette, 8 cs boots and shoes, 2 cs samples, 117 cs paper, 417 rls paper, 100 bdls shooks, 32 bxs computing scales, 7 cs advertising matter, 2 cs pure food, 6 cs infants' food, 6 cs canned vegetables, 10 cs cereal produce, 2 cs honey, 3 cs chenille curtains, 3 cs chenille curtain covers, 1 organ (boxed), 3 cs dry goods, 16 cs safety cartridges, 255 bxs cheese, 251 pigs lead, 3 cs golf balls, 16 cs drugs in glass, 62 bxs drugs in glass, 130 bxs disinfectant, 3345 bgs barley, 1 cs oiled clothing, 102 bxs metal ceilings, 1 bx marble, 1 cs corset frames, 193 cs chair stuffing, 1 bx monoline machine and parts, 100 washers (crated), 200 cs Alaska fish, 1 pump (boxed), 2 cs leather, 1 cs stationery, 3 crts soap, 1 bx closet seats, 1 bx organ stools, 10,627 bchs bananas, 100 [illegible] bananas, 9 cs mandarin oranges.

Albuera, sh, from Glasgow: 825 tons pig iron, 656 st. plates, 13 crs baths, 70 crs c.i. pipes, 1150 drs oil, 100 hhds 154 cks, 80 half-cks 55 quarter-cks, 900 cs whisky, 41 bls twine, 550 cs cornflour, 60 bdls cordage, 1910 camp ovens, 1961 covers, 295 sinks, 11 crs and 20 bdls castings, 600 r w pipes, 538 connections, 212 soil pipes, 28,100 bricks, 292 bls paper, 570 kgs w lead, 120 kgs paint, 56 cs e essence, 729 stoves, 9 boilers, 60 kgs r lead, 296 bdls hoop iron, 40 bgs spikes, 874 pots, 42 bgs rivets, 2190 bdls 1810 brs iron, large quantity metal, and sundries.

Monowai, s, from Wellington: 740 sks oats, 98 bgs hides, 32 bgs skins, 80 sks seed, 49 bls hops, 249 sks peas, 152 bls hemp, 25 cs meats, 25 cs tongues, 70 gunnies onions, 80 ingots zinc, 100 bxs butter, 15 csks pelts, 25 bxs miltanas, and sundries.

Burrawong, s, from Macleay River: 270 bxs butter, 9 cs and 1 box eggs, 4 cs fish, 1 cs fruit, 6 horses, 20 pigs, 19 bls millet, 1315 bgs maize, 1 bg pumpkins, 1 bdl calfskins, 7 cs and 1 box poultry, 8 flitches cedar, 14 cs samples, and sundries.

Ramornie, s, from Richmond River: 84 bgs bones, 478 bxs butter, 12 cs bacon, 5 cs eggs, 4 cs fish, 49 cs honey, 118 hides, 75 calves, 690 bgs maize, 2 bxs poultry, 5 bdls skins, 31,000ft boxwood, 11 csks tallow, 14 bgs hides, 5 bgs bacon, and sundries, 1 motor car, and sundries.

S. D. Carleton, American ship, from Ballard, Puget Sound: 1,500,000ft sawn oregon timber.

Wauchope, s, from Port Macquarie: 980 sleepers, 95 bgs maize, 96 bxs butter, 75 pigs, 4 cs eggs, 9 hides, 8 bgs oysters, 1 motor car, and sundries.

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India, R.M.S., from London, via ports: 70 cs machinery, 10 bls straw plait, 52 cs sheet iron, 175 cs galvanised iron, 29 cs fencing tools, 480 cs safety cartridges, 238 bdls springs, 50 drms coopers' fluid, 54 bdls steel, 16 pkgs metres, 10 bxs 10 bls carpets, 75 rolls floorcloth, 381 cs brandy, 11 cs clocks, 55 cs claret, 12 csks wire, 14 pkgs oil engines, 250 tons old railway chairs, 20 bls printed matter, 135 joists, 183 bdls steel bars, 2 cs (valued £67) electroplate, 10 cs cigars, 20 pkgs periodicals, 10 cs cigarettes, 10 cs liquors, 12 bls corks, 509 chests 664 half-chests 582 cs 464 pkgs 399 bxs tea.

EXPORTS.—April 25.

Himalaya, R.M.S., for London, via Hobart and ports: 4739 bxs butter, 156 bls wool, 7800 brs lead, 724 ingots tin, 131 bgs ore, 75 brs silver, 8 bxs bismuth, 8 bxs bullion (valued at £40,026 6s 7d), and sundries; also transhipped cargo.

Nikko Maru, Jap. mail steamer, for Manila, Hongkong, and Japan, via ports 1000 half-sks 1200 quarter-sks flour, 115 cs fruit, 30 csks grease, 166 bls wool, 2172 bgs coke, 50 caks cocoanut oil, 146 bgs hoofs, 176 bls hemp, 6 bxs gold £4907), 300 sks fungus, and sundries, also large through cargo.

Uganda, s, for Bombay, via Melbourne 2423 pcs timber, 21,100 sleepers, also through cargo, consisting of 12,053 sleepers.

Wellgundie, s, for Bremen, via ports: 250 loads timber, 364 bxs ammunition.

Elleric, s, for Guaymas Mexico): 1686 tons coke, 2683 tons coal, shipped at Newcastle.

Customs-house.—Entered outward: April 25, Mary L. Cushing, bq, for Honolulu, via Newcastle; Forrest Hall, sh, for West Coast, via Newcastle; Duc D'Aumale, bq, for Falmouth, for orders; Miowera, R.M.S., for Vancouver, via ports.

The N.D.L. steamer Wellgunde will be removed this morning from No. 1 berth, Woolloomooloo Bay, to Ross Bay, ready for sea.

The French barque, Babin Chevaye will be removed early this morning from her anchorage in the stream to a berth at Darling Island, where she will load wheat on account of Messrs. James Bell and Co.

The M.M. Company's steamer Pacifique will at an early hour this morning leave Mort's Dock for a berth at the Quay, where she will receive cargo and passengers for the New Hebrides and Noumea.

The following telegrams were received yesterday respecting the conditions of the bars at high water:—Ballina, 13ft on bar, 13ft on inside channel; Port Macquarie, 10ft on bar; Camden Haven Heads, 5ft 8in on bar; Manning Heads, 12ft on bar, 10ft 6in on inner channel; Cape Hawke, 6ft 11in on bar; South-west Rocks, 12ft 6in on bar; Clarence Heads, 16ft 9in on bar, 15ft 3in on crossing, 3ft 4in rise of tide; Bellinger Heads, 9ft 6in on bar, 7ft 6in on crossing.

The American ship S. D. Carleton, after a voyage of 75 days from Ballard, Puget Sound, with a cargo of 1½ million feet of lumber, arrived here yesterday, and anchored below Garden Island. She sailed on February 9, and crossed the equator on March 16, and the meridian of Greenwich on April 11. The voyage was uneventful.

Very heavy weather was encountered by the British ship Albuera, which arrived here yesterday, 120 days out from Glasgow, and a good deal of damage was done. An account of the voyage is given in another column. The fact that the Albuera, deeply laden, was reported from the Jervis Bay station on Tuesday, as "a ship in light trim" was much commented upon in shipping circles yesterday.

The German steamer Prinz Waldemar, which arrived yesterday from Japan and Hongkong, via German New Guinea, New Britain, and Samarai, met with fine weather, light south-easterly winds, and moderate seas throughout the voyage.

A private cable message received yesterday stated that the steamer Takeha sailed from Monte Video for London on April 24.

The four-masted barque Peter Iredale, which recently arrived here in ballast from Antofagasta, having been docked, will be towed from Sydney to-night for Newcastle, to load coal for Salina Cruz.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Himalaya was despatched from Sydney yesterday afternoon for London, via Hobart and ports, and passed through the Heads at 4.45 p.m.

The R.M.S. India, from London, is due at Sydney this morning. She signalled Gabo Island at 1.10 p.m. yesterday.

The R.M.S. Omrah, from Sydney, passed Clarence Heads at 2.30 p.m. yesterday, and is due at Brisbane early this morning.

The R.M.S. Sierra will this morning be removed from the buoy in Athol Bight and berthed at the Quay.

The F.M.S. Yarra, from Noumea and Sydney, bound to Marseilles, arrived at Melbourne at 7.40 a.m. yesterday.

THE MONOWAI, FROM WELLINGTON.

The Union Company's steamer Monowai, in command of Captain C. McDonald, arrived at Sydney yesterday from Dunedin, via Lyttelton and Wellington. Departure was taken from the New Zealand capital at 6 p.m. on Saturday last.

A very heavy southerly sea was met with in Cook Straits, which, however, only lasted about three hours. From thence to arrival beautiful weather and smooth seas prevailed.

A concert was given by Mr. Geo. Stephenson's Opera Company on the way across, a total of £6 0s 9d being collected. Mr. Geo. Stephenson, who was the chairman, stated that the money collected was to be paid into the New Zealand Shipwreck Relief Society Fund, that being the wish of the company. At the end of the excellent programme Captain McDonald thanked Mr. Stephenson and the members of his company for the evening's entertainment.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

TOWNSVILLE (1270 miles).—Arr: April 25, Cintra, s, from Brisbane.

CAPE CAPRICORN.—Passed: April 25, Bingera, s, bound north; Wyandra, s, bound south.

WOODY ISLAND.—Passed: April 25, Flinders, s, bound north.

BRISBANE (500 miles).—Dep: April 25, Augusta, s, for Richmond River; Fay, s, for Maryborough; Allinga, s, for Rockhampton.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (331 miles).—Dep: April 25, Frandsdon, s, at 7.15 a.m., for Sydney.

CLARENCE HEADS (296 miles).—Arr: April 25, Macleay, s, at 6.10 a.m., from Newcastle. Dep: Kallatina, s, at 10 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: Omrah, R.M.S., at 3.50 p.m., north.

WOOLGOOLGA (254 miles).—Passed: April 25, Annwatta, s, at 3.50 p.m., north; Bareeba, s, at 3.30 p.m.; Kallatina, s, at 4 p.m., both south.

BELLINGER (239 miles).—Arr: April 25, Rosedale, s, at 10.8 a.m., from Sydney.

SOUTH-WEST ROCKS (209 miles).—Arr: April 25, Hastings, s, at 5.45 a.m., from Sydney.

SMOKY CAPE (205 miles).—Passed: April 25, Barrier, s, at 10.45 a.m., south; Wyoming, s, at 1.35 p.m., Kyogle, s, at 5 p.m., St. George, s, at 5.40 p.m., Nymboida, s, at 5.50 p.m., all north.

PORT MACQUARIE (174 miles).—Dep: April 25, Euroka, s, at 8.50 a.m., Pyrmont, s, at 9.10 a.m., both for Sydney; Wangaroa, sch, at 10.50 a.m., for New Zealand.

TACKING POINT (160 miles).—Passed: April 25, Warrigal, ktch, at 10.45 a.m., Harold, ktch, at 11.15 a.m., Jap, sch, at 1.40 p.m., Noorebar, s, at 2.50 p.m., all north. An Adelaide Company's steamer at 1.25 p.m., south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (150 miles).—Dep: April 24, Isabella Defraine, ktch, at 9 p.m.

CROWDY HEAD (147 miles).—Passed: April 25, a large steamer at 10.15 a.m., a large steamer at 4 p.m., Cavanbah, s, at 5.10 p.m., Buninyong, s, at 5.20 p.m., all south; Nerong, s, at 5 p.m., north.

MANNING HEADS (144 miles).—Arr: April 25, Kincumber, s, at 6.30 a.m., from Sydney; Annie, ktch, at 7.30 a.m. Dep: Corra Lynn, s, at 9 a.m., for Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE (123 miles).—Arr: April 25, Tuncurry, s, at 8.50 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: April 24, Shannon, sch, at 3 p.m., for Sydney; Alice Templeton, ktch, at 8.45 p.m., for Newcastle.

SEAL ROCKS (109 miles).—Passed: April 25, Mayflower, sch, at 12.30 p.m.; Dorrigo, s, at 3.40 p.m., Cooloon, s, at 3.50 p.m., Duroby, s, at 5.5 p.m., all north; Corra Lynn, s, at 3.30 p.m., Pyrmont, s, at 5 p.m., both south.

PORT STEPHENS (83 miles).—Passed: April 25, Phil Forbes, ktch, at 6.45 a.m., Louisa Mesael, sch, at 8.10 a.m., both north; Wauchope, s, at 7.5 a.m., Bellinger, s, at 9 a.m., Williams, s, at 2 p.m., Duranbah, s, at 3.55 p.m., a large cargo steamer at 5.30 p.m., Shannon, sch, at 5.30 p.m., all south.

NEWCASTLE (62 miles).—Arr: April 25, Carbine, s, Stormking, s, Dauntless, s, all from Port Stephens; Lady Mildred, s, from Port Pirie; Noorebar, s, Timaru, s, Cooloon, s, Helen Nicoll, s, Dorrigo, s, Kadina, s, Sydney, s, Barwon, s, Wonga Fell, s, Duroby, s, Kiama, s, Myee, s, Tarshaw, s, Countess of Errol, sch, all from Sydney. Dep: April 25, Nymboida, s, for the Clarence River; Duroby, s, for the Tweed River; Cooloon, s, and Dorrigo, s, for Woolgoolga; Stormking, s, for Port Stephens; Wairuna, s, for Lyttelton, with 5030 tons coal and quantity timber; Manurewa, bq, for Kaipara, with 500 tons East Greta coal; Thekla, 449 Ger bq, for Valparaiso, with 4866 tons Caledonian coal; Colac, s, for Townsville, with 1750 tons coal and 10 rams; Helen Nicoll, s, Sydney, s, Timaru, s, Countess of Errol, sch, Tarshaw, s, Kiama, s, all for Sydney; Darius, s, for Calcutta, via Melbourne; Easen, s, for Batavia, via ports; Myee, s, for the north; Magdalene, s, for Port Stephens.

LAKE MACQUARIE HEADS (54 miles).—Arr: April 25, Betsy, ktch, at 9 a.m., from Newcastle; John, ktch, at 9 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: April 24, Cola, s, during night, for Sydney.

BELLAMBI (41 miles).—Arr: April 25, Corio, s, from Kembla.

WOLLONGONG (14 miles).—Arr: April 25, Mount Kembla, s, at 11.15 a.m., from Sydney; Ruahaka, scow, at 4 p.m., from St. George's Basin. Dep: Allowrie, s, at 10.45 a.m., for Kiama.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74 miles).—Arr: April 25, Peterborough, s, at 6.30 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: Coomonderry, s, at 5.30 p.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Passed: April 25, a ketch at 1.15 p.m., Easby, s, at 3.40 p.m., Allowrie, s, at 5 p.m., all north. Ketch Marion resumed voyage north at 7.15 a.m.

BERMAGUI SOUTH (169 miles).—Arr: April 25, Eden, s, at 2 p.m., from Tathra. Dep: Eden, s, at 5.45 p.m., for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND (238 miles).—Passed: April 25, Australian, s, at 8.22 a.m., Barrabool, s, at 11.10 a.m., Aramac, s, at 12.40 p.m., all west. India, R.M.S., at 1.10 p.m., north.

HOBART (648 miles).—Dep: April 24, Anglian, s, at 9.40 p.m., for Sydney. April 25, Suevic, s, at 12.30 p.m., for Liverpool.

MELBOURNE (576 miles).—Arr: April 25, Norkoowa, s, from Newcastle; Loongana, s, from Launceston; Yarra, F.M.S., from Sydney; Bombala, s, from Adelaide; Cape Antibes, s, from Ocean Island, via Sydney Heads. Dep: April 25, Woolloowra, s, and Bombala, s, both for Sydney; Waikare, s, for Hobart; Sydney, s, and Coolgardie, s, both for Adelaide; Loongana, s, for Launceston.

ADELAIDE (1084 miles).—Arr: April 25, Protector, gunboat, from Tasmania. Dep: April 25, Rostock, s, for Hamburg; Uranda, s, for the Eastern States.

WALLAROO.—Dep: April 25, Olga, bq, for Algoa Bay.

ALBANY (2100 miles).—Dep: April 25, Yongala, s, for Fremantle.

FREMANTLE (2466 miles).—Arr: April 25, Wilpena, s, at 10.40 a.m., from the Eastern States. Dep: Kanowna, s, at 2.30 p.m., for the Eastern States.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND (1281 miles).—Arr: April 25, Silver Cloud, bqtn, from Newcastle.

WELLINGTON (1239 miles).—Arr: April 25, Buster, s, from Newcastle; Moeraki, s, from Sydney.

THE UNION LINERS.

The Moeraki arrived at Wellington at 2 a.m. yesterday.

The Oonah leaves Sydney this morning for Hobart.

The Waikare left Melbourne for Bluff, via Hobart, yesterday.

The Warrimoo is due in Hobart to-day en route from Bluff to Melbourne.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 8 a.m.
Eden.—Bega, 9 a.m.
Port Macquarie.—Pyrmont, 10 a.m.
Hobart.—Oonah, 11 a.m.
Port Macquarie.—Wauchope, noon.
Ballina, Broadwater, and Wardell (R.R.).—Ramornie, 1 p.m.
Raratonga, Cook Islands, and Niue (Savage Islands).—John Williams, 1 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—F.M.S. Yarra, 5.30 p.m.
F.M.S. Yarra (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Coolgardie, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.
Laurieton.—Bellinger, 7 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Orion, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Eden.—Eden, 9 a.m.

SATURDAY.

Byron Bay.—Cavanba, 8 a.m.
Brisbane.—Wollowra, noon.
Wellington, etc, N.Z. (direct).—Monowai, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Ionic, noon.
Richmond River.—Ramornie, 1 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
Bellinger River.—Rosedale, 6 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Kyarra, 9.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Auckland, N.Z., Samoa, Navigators' Islands, Honolulu, U.S. of America, Canada, Central America, West Indies, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe.—Oceanic steamer Sierra, 11 a.m. Except for letters placed in the Foreign Receiver, G.P.O., which may be posted for inclusion in the mail up to 11.30 a.m. without late fee.
Chili and Peru, via San Francisco.—Oceanic steamer Sierra, 11 a.m.
Eden.—Bega, 1 p.m.
Cooktown, Thursday Island, and Gulf Ports, via Brisbane.—Maranoa, 3.45 p.m.
Nambucca Heads and Macksville.—Nerong, 4 p.m.
Noumea.—St. Louis, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Hobart.—Anglian, 10 a.m.
Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands, New Hebrides, and Banks Group.—Malaita, 11 a.m.
Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga.—Hauroto, 11 a.m.
Wardell (R.R.).—City of Grafton, 1 p.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Sourabaya, Samarang, Batavia, Singapore, and Dutch East Indies, via Brisbane.—Guthrie, 3.45 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Himalaya, 5.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Himalaya (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Himalaya, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.
Dunedin, etc, N.Z., via Melbourne.—Warrimoo, 5.30 p.m.
Hobart, via Melbourne.—Warrimoo, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay.—Noorebar, 9 p.m.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

There was very little doing on 'Change yesterday, only three sales being reported. Tooth's Brewery improved 3d, with business at the higher figure, otherwise sale prices were at unchanged levels. A.J.S. "B" Deposits rose 1d, and Silverton Trams were quoted 1s 6d higher.

The following sales were reported:—Forenoon: Nil. Later: N.S.W. 4 per cent. Funded Stock, 1909, £101. Noon: Tooth and Co., 29s 6d. Later: Nil. Afternoon: Australian Gaslight, £18 10s.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital Paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.
GOV'T STOCK & N.S.W. F.S. Act. 189?	4,006,707	...	...	3	86½	86	...	3½
Do., 1894	1,250,175	...	...	3½	99	98	...	3½
Do., 1892	2,549,850	...	...	4	102½	102½	103	3½
Do., Act 1878	530,189	...	...	4	...	105	...	3½
Do., 4 p.c., due 9.8.07	550,000	...	...	4	101	100	...	...
Do., Deb. 1908	...	...	...	4	...	100	...	...
Do., T. Bills, 1906	1,169,700	...	...	3½	99½	98	...	...
Ditto	208,000	...	...	4	101	100	...	3½
N.Z. Do., 1909	300,000	...	...	4	103½	101	...	3½
Queens. deb., 1913	...	...	...	4	...	101	...	3½
Do., Tr. Bills	550,000	...	...	4	102½	101½	...	3½
W.A. Inscr.	...	...	...	4	...	101	...	3½
Austrln. Gas Deb. 1922	300,000	...	...	4	102½	101	...	...
City Sydney Deb.	220,000	...	...	4	103	101	...	4
Do., 1908	100,000	...	...	4	102	...	...	3½
Co. Sugar D., 1914	...	...	...	5	106½	106	...	4½
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	154,538	3½	1	...	...	...	...	...
Aust'lasia	1,600,000	40	40	12	96	96	...	5
City	240,000	10	8	2½	70/	70/	70/3	5½
New Issue	160,000	10	8	2½	65/	65/	...	6¾
Commercial of Aust.	94,892	10/	10/	...	10/3	10/	11/	...
Ditto pref.	2,117,290	10	10	8	6½	6½	...	4½
Com. Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	29	28¾	29½	4½
E. of Aust.	1,192,440	8	5	4	73/6	73/6	...	5½
Ditto, pref.	305,780	10	10	5	11/3	10½	...	4½
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	46½	46½	47	4½
N. Zealand	427,310	6⅔	3⅓	5	8/12/6	...	8¾	...
N. Queensl'd	100,000	7	2	2½	18/	17/6	...	7½
Q'sland Nat.	418,068	5	3	...	8/	9/	...	...
Royal of Q.	457,466	9	6¼	3½	63/6	60/	...	6½
Union	1,500,000	75	25	10	51½	51	...	4½
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk.—ClassA**	...	...	...	3	19/6	19/3	...	3½
ClassB**	...	...	...	3	13/3	13/4	13/9	4½
Class B, 1917**	...	...	...	...	12/5	...	12/9	...
Do., Inscb.,**	788,033	...	...	3½	11/	10/6	...	6¼
Com. of Aus. Assets**	3,334,905	...	...	3	14/9	14/9	...	4
E.S.A. Insc. pref.**	888,419	...	...	3	12/9	12/6	...	4½
Do., def.**	808,758	...	...	4½	16/9	16/9	...	4½
Do., Deb.**	983,547	...	...	4	18/	18/	...	4½
Q. Nat.	3,116,821	...	...	3½	15/4½	15/	15/6	4½
STEAM.								
Pal. Ferry	16,420	1	1	7½	27/6	28/	...	5½
Illawarra	49,797	1	15/	...	23/	22/9	...	...
H'w'd Smith 20s paid	250,000	20/	20/	10/	28/	27/6	28/	...
Do., 5s pd	...	...	...	...	...	7/	8/	...
Ditto pref	...	20/	5/	5	20/6	19/6	...	...
Ditto, pref., 5s paid	...	...	...	...	5/6	4/6	...	...
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	23/	22/9	...	5½
North Coast	181,250	1	17/6	8	24/4½	24/3	24/6	5¾
New Issue	...	...	17/6	...	24/3	24/	24/3	...
Syd. Ferries	140,000	1	1	10	61/6	61/	62/	3¼
Port Jackson	25,000	30	25/	10	52/6	51/6	60/	4½
Ditto deb.	8,745	1	1	5	26/	21/	...	3¾
INSURANCE.								
A.M. Fire	62,500	1	12/6	14½	42/	42/	...	4½
Mer. Mutual	45,000	1	6/	13½	16/4½	16/4½	16/9	5½
New Zealand	250,000	10	2	15	94/6	60/	70/	3¾
N. Q'land	50,000	1	10/	8	15/	...	...	5½
United	68,225	10/	2½	12½	6¼	...	6½	4½
COAL.								
Bellambi	173,000	1	1	15	34/3	35/	36/	8
East Greta	121,858	1	1	10	24/	21/	24/3	8½
Ditto New	...	...	10/	...	23/6	...	24/0	...
Hed'n Greta	42,550	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Hetton	123,665	5	5	6	45/6	40/	45/6	...
Newcastle	100,000	11	10	...	8¼	8¼	9½	...
Stockton	95,631	1	1	4	3/3	3/3	...	...
New	...	...	16/	4	1/ net	...	3	...
V. of Clwydd	80,000	1	1	10	27/	21/	...	7½
Wallsend	40,000	10	4	+10	25	25	26	...
Waratah‡‡	...	...	...	1/	...	6/6	...	...
Wickham & Bullock Is.	103,077	1	1	...	2/	...	2/	...
New	...	1	18/	...	...	...	...	...
Preferential	...	1	20/	...	5/3	4/9	6/3	...
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	20/3	20/	...	6½
Australian	750,000	6	6	15	18½	18½	18½	4¾
Ditto New	...	6	3	15	11½	11	11½	...
Char. Towers	20,000	10	10/	10	14/9	14/	...	6¾
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	55/	55/	56/	6
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	27/6	27/	...	5¾
Maitland Gas	15,500	5	5	7	...	6	...	...
Manly	10,000	1	1	8	31/	31/	...	...
Ditto New	5,000	1	10/	8	15/6	17/6	...	5¼
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	7	20/	20/	...	7
Newcastle	45,000	2	2	15	6½	6	6½	4¾
Nth. Shore	25,000	1	1	7	39/	28/6	...	3½
Ditto New	12,500	1	15/	7	21/	33/	...	...
BREWRIES.								
Australian	48,000	10/	10/	...	2/	...	1/9	...
C. and Wood Pros.	250,000	1	1	4	10/9	10/	11/	7½
Perkins'	100,000	15/	15/	...	33/6	33/	34/6	...
Toohey's††	850,000	1	1	4	11/6	11/6	12/6	6½
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	8	29/6	29/3	29/9	5½
MISCEL'N'S								
Aarons'	17,500	15/	10/	5	2/	1/	2/	25
Aust. News	40,000	1	1	...	7/6	...	8/	...
B.H.W. Sup.	285,000	1	1	...	23/3	22/	...	...
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	31/6	31/3	...	5¼
New Issue	35,000	1	10/	8	15/	15/	...	5¼
Brooks & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	19/	22/	...
Do., pref.	...	...	...	...	...	20/	22/	...
Col. Sugar	2,095,200	20	20	10	41½	41½	41½	4¾
Dalgety and Co.	1,000,000	20	5	6	5¼	5¼	...	5½
Dunlop Pn. Tyre, pref.	80,000	1	1	7	19/6	20/	...	6½
Emu, B.Ball.	...	...	...	...	3/	2/9	...	...
Emu & Pros. Gravel	27,200	1	18/	7	7/6	6/	8/	14
Melb. Trams	480,000	1	10/	12½	26/1½	25/	26/	4¾
M. de Piete	74,460	1	1	10	40/6	40/	41/	4¾
Mort's Dock	200,000	1	1	5	...	12/6	18/	...
Ditto, pref	45,301	1	1	6	21/6	20/	21/6	5½
N. Food, Ice	++91,730	12/	10/	7	10/6	10/4½	10/8	6¾
Shale & Oil	80,000	17	...	...	3/	8d	1/2	...
New York Tob.	15,000	1	1	...	...	8/	...	...
Perm. Trust.	25,000	5	2/6	10	5/1	5/1	5/6	4½
Perp. Trust.	25,000	10	5/	10	12/	11/9	...	4
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	8	12/8	12/6	13/3	6
Sdy. Tram.	197,800	1	1	20	85/net	84/6	85/6	6½
Syd. Exchg.	30,000	10	10	6	12½	12½	...	5
Syd. Hyd.	75,000	1	1	10	34/	33/3	34/	6
Ditto	37,500	1	10/	10	16/	15/9	...	6¼
Ditto Hyd. & G.E.	15,000	1	10/	15	16/6	16/	...	9¼
Vo. Land Or.	...	...	...	...	120	...	...	...
Hall's Merc. Agency	12,000	1	20/	...	11/	...	...	...
W. H. Soul, Patt. & Co.	120,000	1	1	10	35/	34/	36/	5¾
LAND & BD.								
Excels. Dep.	...	...	...	...	8/	...	...	...
Ind. Prov.	45,580	20	...	...	20	...	20	...
Intern. Inv.	87,985	1	15/	10	22/6	22/	...	6¾
News. B. & I.	...	...	...	6	19/	...	...	...
Syd. Prov. L.	17,500	7/6	7/	...	3/3	3/3	...	...

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. † Per share. †† Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. ‡Call paid. ‡‡ Ex returned capital, 2s.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

On 'Change to-day Perth Gas shares were quoted at b 40s 6d, s 41s.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's quotations were:—Queensland National Bank, b 15s, s 15s 4d; Savings Bank 3½ per cent., b £97 10s.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—Victorian 3½ per cent. Treasury Bonds, £98 5s; New Zealand 4 per cent., 1914, £102; Commercial Bank Preferential, £6 7s to £6 6s; Emu Bay Railway Preferential, 7s 6d; Melbourne Tramways, 26s 9d; Silverton Tramway, 85s 6d.

FINANCIAL.

MINISTERS AND DIRECTORSHIPS.

Should a Minister of the Crown hold a directorship in a public company? is a question of more than passing interest. Australian Ministers certainly have no qualms upon this matter, and few Ministries have been formed whose members were not at the same time holders of directorships in leading joint stock enterprises. These they have seen no reason to relinquish on account of their having reached Cabinet rank. In other cases the fact of their being Ministers has been the stepping-stone which has carried them into the director's chair. Already cases have arisen in Australia in which these director-Ministers have placed themselves open to stringent criticism through complications arising owing to their dual offices. These may or may not have been just. There is no doubt that a better course would be for Ministers to remove all possible cause for adverse criticism by resigning from any directorships they might hold. This is the attitude taken up by such men as Earl Grey, the Master of Elibank, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, and others who were included in the last Liberal Administration in England. There were others, however, who retained their seats on boards of public companies, and among these were the Earl of Elgin, Lord Aberdeen, and others. Upon being questioned on this subject the Prime Minister, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, defined cases in which he considered that a Minister was justified in retaining a directorship. He said that it was impossible to give a definition in precise terms of private companies of which he deemed it proper that Ministers should hold directorships, but everyone understood that what was meant was that class of company in which the interest of the Minister, if he was a director, was substantially the same as the interest of a partner in a business firm. The Under-Secretary for War held a seat on the board of the Artisans, Labourers, and General Dwellings Company, Limited. This is partly a philanthropic institution, confining its dividend to shareholders to 5 per cent., after which profits go to reduce rents. When the attention of the Prime Minister was directed to the fact that the Minister received a small director's fee, he requested his Lordship to immediately resign. Such is the attitude taken in England, and it is one that we think could be adopted with benefit in Australia.

AN INCOME-TAX POINT.

Assessments under the Income Tax Act recently reached taxpayers. In this connection it is of interest to note that all objections thereto must be lodged with the proper authorities on or before May 12 next. If this be neglected there is no opportunity left to appeal, or in any way get redress for any overcharge that may be made. Much litigation has been brought about through objections not having been lodged in accordance with the Act. In one case the taxpayer was put to the expense of £500 before he got his assessment adjusted to his satisfaction. It is, therefore, of primary importance that all objections should be properly lodged, otherwise the objector may find that he has no legal standing at the Court of Review.

LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS.

We have already commented on the partnership difficulty—everywhere it is felt that some better system than that now in vogue should be conceived and legalised. It is unnecessary to again enlarge on the drawbacks presented by the existing system—nor to further deal with the plan that has been adopted with success in Germany and elsewhere. In England an attempt is now being made to get over these difficulties, which are felt equally acutely in that country. Last month Lord Avebury moved the second reading of the Limited Partnerships Bill in the House of Lords. This measure, he explained, proposed to introduce the system of limited partnership known in the United States and on the Continent as "Commandite," and which gave general satisfaction. A similar bill was carried through the House of Lords some years ago by the late Lord Bramwell; it had also been read a second time in the House of Commons, and been through the ordeal of a Select Committee. That it was not now the law of the land was solely due to the congestion of business in the House of Commons. Under the bill a limited partnership must contain one or more "general partners" who were to be jointly liable for all debts and obligations incurred by the firm in the usual form of business. But the "limited partners" were not to be liable for the firm's debts and obligations beyond the specific amount contributed by them as capital at the time of entering the partnership. While a limited partner thus had this responsibility considerably contracted, he was not entrusted with much power. He might from time to time inspect the books of the firm and examine into the state and prospects of the business, and "he may advise with his partners thereon." Lord Faber supported the bill, which was read a second time.

STATE INSURANCE.

Mr. Geo. S. Beeby writes:—

Sir,—Will you allow me to briefly refer to your comments on my letter re above topic in your issue of yesterday's date. You state as your main objection to my proposal "that the contribution of the State to the well-being of any single section of the people is contrary to sound economic theory." With all respect, might I say that the anti-socialists of to-day only talk of sound economic theories when wage-earners seek a benefit from the collective funds. Why were not the same objections raised by you to the advances of seed wheat to farmers, to the expenditure of large sums of money on rabbit-proof netting in the interests of graziers, to the advances to Settlers Act, to the Banks Reconstruction Act passed in the interests of bank shareholders, to the hundred and one other statutes passed in the interests of other classes of the community? Why not admit, in view of our past history, that "sound economic theories" have been for ever abandoned by anti-socialistic Governments, and that the State can and should give sectional relief to the community as occasion demands? All that I have urged at present is that an experiment made by the State in the interests of miners has been an unqualified success, and that this experiment can now and should be extended to all wage-earners who suffer under disabilities similar to those of miners. If your objection is that this is an undue preference of one class of the community over another, then make it apply to all classes.

The real question raised by me is this:—Has the Miners' Relief Act been a success? If it has not, then let us repeal it. If it has, and you will not advocate its repeal, then, on your own argument, don't let it apply to one section of the community, but to all sections whose members run the risk of accident.

The cases quoted by our correspondent are not parallel. Seed wheat was not given to needy farmers; they were called upon to pay for it with interest added, the payment being merely deferred. It is not, we understand, proposed that the wire-netting should be given to the graziers as a free gift, either wholly or in part. Nor did the Banks Reconstruction Act, which was passed in the interests of depositors more than of shareholders, cost the State one penny piece. In this case, however, it is proposed that the State should pay portion of the premium "out of the collective funds" to insure those engaged in dangerous occupations. We certainly consider that no class should have any undue preference, but if there is one that has more than most others claims in this direction it is that singled out by our correspondent.

AUSTRALIAN LIFE ASSURANCE.

The figures that are here appended are those supplied by seven Australian life offices under the provisions of the South Australian Life Insurance Act, and are taken from the "Australasian Insurance and Banking Record." The societies included consist of the A.M.P. Society, Mutual Life Association, Colonial Mutual, Citizens', National Mutual, Australasian Temperance and General, and the Australian Widows' Fund. The returns are those for 1904-05, and they show a slight falling off in the aggregate new business secured, compared with the previous year. Here follow some of the most interesting figures for the last two years in comparative form:—

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCONTINUANCES.

	1903-04.	1904-5.
No. of Policies—		
Issued	41,574	42,607
Discontinued	24,673	25,363
Net increase	16,901	17,244
Amount of Assurance—		
Issued	£9,436,798	£9,564,017
Discontinued	5,814,673	6,078,425
Net increase	3,622,125	3,515,592
Amount of Annual Premiums—		
New	335,277	342,560
Discontinued	207,478	218,555
Net increase	127,799	124,005

A gradual decrease in the average amount of the policies in force has occurred, the average for 1902-03 being £253, and that of 1903-04 £251, and that of 1904-05 £249. The average rate of premium per existing policy, however, increased from £3.341 to £3.351, and then to £3.357 during the three periods above indicated. As far as new business is concerned a similar state of affairs is also observable as follows:—

	1903-04.	1904-05.
	£	£
Average new policies	227	224
Average prem. of new business	3.553	3.582
Claims to discontinuances	22.82 %	23.39 %
Surrenders to discontinuances	30.28 %	30.88 %
Forfeiture to discontinuances	46.90 %	45.73 %

There was an increase under each of the heads, claims by death or maturity, by surrender, and by forfeiture. Altogether the position is not satisfactory, but it must be remembered that the period dealt with was that during which a prolonged drought terminated, and, doubtless, when similar returns are available for 1905-06 a much more satisfactory state of affairs will be found to prevail. This is indeed already indicated by the statements of those societies that have so far been made available. A summary of the new business, discontinuances, and the amount of assurance in force of the seven societies since their formation may be given as follows:—

	Policies. No.	Amount. £	Annual prem. £
Issued	867,651	225,400,448	7,717,616
Discontinued	469,398	126,130,335	4,384,840
Existing	398,253	99,270,113	3,332,776

Discontinuances account for 54.10 per cent. of the number of policies, 55.96 per cent. of the total amount assured, and 56.81 per cent. of the annual premiums.

NATIONAL BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.

The balance-sheet of this bank has already been published in detail in our advertising columns. Some figures of comparison may, however, given. A substantial increase in profits are indicated for the half-year ended March 31 last. These stood at £41,144, against £36,105 during the preceding half, which has been about the average for some years. The following comparison may be made:—

	March, 1904.	March, 1905.	March, 1906.
	£	£	£
Reserve fund	95,000	115,000	130,000
Notes	204,563	243,939	260,521
Bills	1,489,955	1,051,439	1,083,241
Deposits	6,158,158	6,447,021	6,862,787
Liquid assets	2,874,030	3,158,882	3,811,787
Premises	450,104	450,333	446,925
Other real estate	277,930	236,257	209,105
Advances, etc	6,045,242	5,666,354	6,128,475
Expenses	56,944	56,549	59,878
Taxes	4,010	4,109	3,710
Gross profits	97,218	90,684	104,732
Net profits	6,234	36,130	41,144

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

More than one merchant who read the synopsis of the course for the diploma of Bachelor of Commerce, as published in yesterday's issue, expressed the opinion that there was not a single trader in the city who could pass the required examinations.

The Japanese House of Representatives has agreed to the Railway Nationalisation Bill. The total purchase money is estimated at £50,000,000, spread over five years.

The Deutsche Bank last year made a net profit of £1,382,833. A dividend of 12 per cent. was declared, and £86,785 added to the reserves, which now amount to 48.55 of the capital of £10,000,000.

So far as it has proceeded the result of the Canadian Insurance Investigations Inquiry has not been in the direction of allaying apprehension. The Dominion Superintendent of Insurance admitted that the Government inspection, as carried out, could not detect fraudulent entries in the books, which were only checked with the companies' statements of assets, and was made in some cases six months after the statements were submitted. The Superintendent also stated that his work was to inspect and not to audit.

The half-yearly meeting of the Penshurst Park Estate Company, Limited, was held yesterday, Mr. John Donelan presiding. The report stated that during the half-year a return of capital of 2s 6d per share had been paid. The board regretted that sales had not been up to expectations. The report was adopted.

It is significant that the Melbourne "Age" has recently reopened the question: To whom does Riverina belong—New South Wales or Victoria?

The P. and O. steamer Himalaya, which left Sydney yesterday for London, took eight boxes of gold bullion, valued at £40,026, consigned by the Bank of New South Wales to Indian ports.

Included in the cargo of the J.M.S. Nikko Maru, which sailed yesterday for Japan, via ports, were six boxes of gold coin, valued at £4397, consigned by Chinese merchants to Hongkong.

LONDON FINANCIAL CABLES.

LONDON, April 24.

BANKS AND AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

Bank of Australasia, unchanged, b 95, s 96.

Bank of New South Wales, ½ higher, b 44 s 45.

Union Bank of Australia, unchanged, b 49, s 50.

National Bank of New Zealand, unchanged, b 6, s 5½.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock, new issue, unchanged at 103.

Bank of New Zealand, unchanged, b 8½, s 9½.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent., unchanged, at 93.

City of Melbourne 4 per cent., unchanged at 103.

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4½ per cent. bonds, unchanged, at 102.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, ½ lower, at 105½.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, ½ higher at 101½.

M'Cracken's City Brewery 4 per cent. debentures, 1 higher at 49½d.

COMMERCIAL.

First of May orders were yesterday reported by the distributing houses to be coming to hand very freely. While the great bulk of the business was for smaller quantities of different articles than usual, still merchants said that they were satisfied, inasmuch as the aggregate turnover would be good. Currants and sultanas were in request, London advices indicating a continuance of advanced, if not higher, prices. The fixing of the quotations for new season's Mildura lexias, which are considered to be of poor quality, at ½d increase on last season's prices, was adversely commented upon. Stocks of cheaper teas on spot were stated to be light. In metals, fencing wire is inclined to be easier, owing to heavy consignments arriving. Business in rosin was accepted at reduced rates. Castor oil was a shade firmer, likewise China oil, and a demand was noted for whale oil. Cornsacks' inquiries were again numerous, but there was a margin between buyers' and sellers' ideas of value. Wheat was strongly held, very little being available at even 3s 4d, a circumstance which is causing city millers to think about raising flour 5s per ton.

DOUBLE CUSTOMS DUTY.

There is no provision made in the Customs Act of 1901, nor in the regulations, to enable British or foreign goods to be shipped outside the Commonwealth for repair and return, without incurring the penalty of paying duty a second time. If a statutory declaration is made that the repairs cannot be executed within the Commonwealth, an arrangement is sometimes made with the Customs Department by which on the return of the goods duty is paid on the cost of repairs only. If a declaration cannot be made British and foreign goods sent out for repair must pay duty on the whole value on their return to the Commonwealth. Goods of Australian origin can be shipped outside the Commonwealth, and returned free of duty, provided they are returned within two years, and the necessary forms are complied with. Traders desire some arrangement made by which goods other than those of Australian origin could be sent for repairs and returned, duty to be charged on the value of the repairs effected. Repairs in a way might be made in the Commonwealth, but it is not possible to repair or replace parts of a certain class of goods as well, or as cheaply, as it can be done by the original manufacturers.

HIGH PRICES FOR SOLE LEATHER.

Exceptionally good prices have been obtained by some of the tanners this week for sole leather. Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, report having sold the following, amongst other lines:—Account Mr. W. Armstrong, Botany, sole leather (bends), 2s 2d per lb (said to be a record price for some time past); heavy sole, 1s 6d per lb. Account Messrs. Marsh Brothers, Granville, a line at 1s 3d per lb. Account Mr. M. Brell St. Marys, a lot at the same price; also account J. B. Forsyth, Limited, Willoughby, at prices ranging from 1s 3d to 1s 5d per lb.

ARGENTINA'S PROSPERITY.

The Argentina had a very prosperous time during 1905, as is evidenced by the following extract from a review of the condition of commerce and agriculture in the Republic by Mr. F. D. Harford, H.M. Charge d'Affairs, at Buenos Ayres:—"Trade generally was very good in 1905, in fact it was perhaps the most genuinely prosperous year in the history of the country. House property realised large prices; the Buenos Ayres, Rosario and Bahia Blanca, especially, house rents rose about 20 per cent., and much building is in progress. The export and import figures surpass those of any previous year, and the trade with Great Britain is the largest on record, amounting, probably, to about £35,000,000, of which over £20,000,000 would be exports to Great Britain. I understand that no less than 500 locomotives were ordered by the English railway companies in 1905, as well as a vast amount of other rolling stock and tools. The importation from England of steam threshing machines, with engines, has been very large of late. The exports of frozen beef from Argentina to the United Kingdom exceeded those from the United States for the first time in 1905. The price of wool and of fat wethers has been very high, and there is no doubt the number of sheep is decreasing, as they are being driven west and south by the increasing area devoted to cereals. For the season 1905-1906 no less than 22,558,170 acres are under wheat, maize, and linseed, an increase of 1,488,165 acres over 1904-1905."

The port of Durban claims far more of the trade entering South Africa than any other port, namely, 30 per cent. of the total. Capetown is stated to come second with 22 per cent.

The returns of Canada's cereal crops last year showed a notabel increase over the yield of any previous year. According to a careful departmental estimate the total crop amounted to 380,000,000 bushels, which included a wheat yield of 112,000,000 bushels.

The season's demand in Sheffield for sheepshears has been (reports the "Ironmonger") one of the best of the recent years, shipments to Australia and South America having been unusually heavy. A considerable quantity of these goods is also being sent to the Western United States. Owing to the heavy import duties and freight, Sheffield shears cost in the United States nearly double the price of the home-made article, and the fact that users are prepared to pay such rates for imported shears must be taken as a testimonial to the excellence of Sheffield quality.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Tea.—Sales reported included 170 packages Indians and Ceylons up to 8d per lb, and 70 packages Ceylons at 8½d. Stocks on spot were stated to be fairly light, particularly of the cheaper teas. Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. will offer at noon to-day, at 8 Spring-street, 940 packages Indian and Ceylon teas, under instructions from Messrs. Parbury, Henty, and Co.

Dried Fruits.—New season's Mildura lexias, judging from samples to hand, are regarded locally as being distinctly poorer in quality and darker in colour compared with last season's standard, and the fact that the price is ½d higher will, it is held, operate against their sale here. The manager of one large distributing firm said he was disappointed at the action of the trust in raising the price under the circumstances, and he pointed out that in December last Mildura lexias could be purchased for less money than when the season opened. Three hundred half-cases currants were sold at 4½d, and 200 boxes Smyrna sultanas at 5½d to 5½d per lb. Dates were well held at 3½d. London advices of March 24 state that currants have been consistently advancing. Stocks were unprecedentedly low, and with no hope of assistance from Greece, there was hardly enough of lower grades to meet April and May requirements. Prices for bags of common provincial were higher at 16s 6d f.o.b., while 18s 3d was asked for common quarter-boxes. Business in sultanas was brisk, with prices going up. Of qualities ranging from 16s to 18s the market was practically cleared. Closing prices for half-boxes Valencias were 15s 6d f.o.b. In figs there was nothing to be had.

Groceries.—One hundred cases Smith's fresh herrings were cleared at 4s 3d. D.R.J. candles were quoted at 6½d.

Chemicals.—Fifty barrels G grade rosin were purchased at £9 5s, though some holders were asking more. N grade was in short supply, but it could be obtained for £12, with others quoting £12 10s.

Brewers' Goods.—Good steady business was reported in malt and hops. English malt was still quoted at 9s to 9s 3d, and colonial at 8s 6d to 8s 9d. New Tasmanian hops were worth about 1s 6d, New Zealands 1s 5d, with Kents and Californians at 1s 6d per lb. Brazil lump isinglass was selling at 3s 9d. Bombay leaf 3s 6d to 3s 9d, and Penang leaf at 4s 3d. News by the last English mail indicated that the demand for Kent hops was very slow, and a drooping tendency in prices.

Metals.—The arrival of three vessels in Sydney Harbour each with heavy consignments of fencing wire was responsible for a weakening tendency in prices yesterday. There seemed to be a lull in buying, and it was anticipated that this would continue for a week or two, by which time some of the weakly held wire would be absorbed. In several instances reductions of 2s 6d per ton were quoted for the wire landing. German No. 8 was worth £8 7s 6d, and No. 10 £8 12s 6d, while American was quoted at £8 12s 6d for No. 8 and £9 2s 6d for No. 10. Further supplies of American tinplates are coming forward to Australian ports. The steamer Ormley, which left New York on March 2, brings 750 boxes, and the Ardgowan, which sailed on February 15, had 337 boxes on board. The British Association of Galvanised Iron Makers decided at the March meeting to make no change in price, and it was anticipated that orders which had been held back in expectation of concessions would be immediately given out. Reports from the Continent, says "Merton's Circular," are much stronger, the sheet zinc trade, which had been very disappointing during the winter months, having begun to show a distinct improvement.

Oils.—Linseed oil was steady at 3s 1d for B. and S.'s raw, and 3s 2d for boiled. Castor oil was a shade firmer at 3s 5d, stocks being light. The shipments from Calcutta for Jan.-Feb. to Sydney were only 429 cases, as against 1875 for the corresponding two months in 1905, 397 in 1904, and 1529 in 1903. Calcutta reports of March 31 advise limited stocks there, and small production. Fifty-five barrels American pale lubricating oils were sold at prices from 1s to 1s 9d, according to grade. Japanese fish oil was cheaper, prices dropping from 1s 3d to 1s 2d. China oil was, however, better at 2s 8½d to 2s 9d, and Scottish bagged whale oil was in demand at 2s 3d.

Jute.—No business was reported in cornsacks, although the inquiries were plentiful. Buyers were prepared to give 6s 6d for new season's sacks, but sellers were firm at 6s 7d. Branbags on spot were worth 5s to 5s 1d. One hundred bales were placed for July-Aug. delivery. Woolpacks and ore bags were not in demand, quotations being unchanged. Messrs. Gillanders, Arbuthnot, and Co., writing from Calcutta on March 31, state that the sowings of the new jute crop proceed under excellent conditions, and in their opinion, the crop should be ready a month earlier than usual, while the area sown is likely to be 10 per cent. in excess of last year's.

Butter Shipment.—The R.M.S. Himalaya, which sailed yesterday for London, took 4739 boxes butter. The principal shippers were: North Coast Co-operative Company, 1295 boxes; Farmers and Settlers', 1291 boxes; J. Mackay, 982 boxes; R. Hay, 426 boxes; Foley Bros., 342 boxes; W. Barlow, 228 boxes. The remainder was consigned in smaller quantities by various shippers. There were also on board 2802 boxes of Brisbane butter.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney yesterday amounted to £8787.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 125 bales wool were manifested to arrive by rail.

BREADSTUFFS.

Yesterday was another one of inactivity in the wheat market. A number of millers anxious to increase their stocks found that they could get very little wheat from the country at 3s 4d Darling Harbour, though they obtained replies that another ½d could secure them some good parcels of prime Riverina grain. Business at the higher figure was, however, not entertained. The firm way in which growers are holding on to their crops is beginning to have an effect on flour values, and more than one city miller was yesterday talking seriously of raising the price from £7 10s to £7 15s per ton. Good country brands were offering at £7 5s.

At Darling Harbour yesterday, 592 tons wheat and 54 tons flour were manifested to arrive.

Messrs. John Darling and Son in their Adelaide report dated Monday state:—"Cable advices report the European wheat markets as being steady, and that a fair business has been done in Australian cargoes at 31s c.i.f. for January-February shipment, but for present shipment the best that is offering is 30s 9d per 480lb c.i.f., excepting in the case of an exceedingly small cargo, when possibly 31s per quarter c.i.f. would be obtainable. Values for parcels per steamer are given as 30s 6d to 30s 9d per quarter c.i.f. to Liverpool, 30s 6d to 30s 9d for Marseilles, and 30s 3d to 30s 6d per quarter c.i.f. for London, but the demand for such is somewhat inactive. Our local markets are steady, and values are 3s 2d to 3s 2½d per bushel for farmers' lots, and 3s 2½d to 3s 3d per bushel for shipping parcels at Port Adelaide. Melbourne market is steady at about 3s 3d per bushel, but in some cases for prompt shipment 3s 3½d per bushel has been paid. Little business has been doing in flour, and quotations remain more or less quiet at about £6 12s 6d to £6 15s per ton for ordinary, and £7 2s 6d to £7 5s per ton for best patent roller f.o.b. Port Adelaide. Melbourne market is steady, but the amount of business doing is not large, and quotations are given at £6 13s 9d to £6 15s per ton for ordinary, and £7 to £7 5s per ton for best patent roller."

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

LONDON, April 24.

WHEAT AFLOAT.

Shipments of wheat afloat to-day, a week ago, and a year ago, compare:—

	A year ago. Qrs.	A week ago. Qrs.	To-day. Qrs.
For United Kingdom	3,855,000	4,065,000	4,130,000
For Continent	1,765,000	1,970,000	1,970,000
Total	5,620,000	6,035,000	6,100,000

AMERICAN WHEAT SHIPMENTS.

The wheat and flour shipped from the Atlantic coast of America during the past week aggregated 128,000 qrs., against 116,000 qrs. a week ago. The Pacific shipments amounted to 12,000 qrs., against 30,000 qrs. a week ago.

METALS.

Closing prices are:—

Copper.—Spot, b 85¼, s 85½, and three months b 83¾, s 83⅞ per ton.

Tin.—Spot, b 180¼, s 181¼, and three months b 178¾, s 179½ per ton.

Pigiron.—Glasgow warrants, 50s 3d per ton.

Lead.—Soft foreign, b 15 13-16, s 17¾ per ton.

WHEAT SALE.

The wheat cargo advised yesterday as that of the "Atlanta" should read the "Atlantic." It realised 31s 3d per 480lb c.i.f.

SILVER.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 6⅛d per ounce standard, a fall of ⅛d since yesterday.

LONDON MEAT MARKET.

Dalgety and Company, Limited, have received the following cable from their London office, under Tuesday's date:—"Since out last telegram of April 19 the market for New Zealand frozen mutton has weakened, and prices are lower by ⅛d to ⅛d per lb. There is a very dull market for frozen beef (sides); the rates are at par to ⅛d per lb lower. The demand for New Zealand frozen lamb is also poor, with prices at par to ⅛d per lb lower, as compared with the past week."

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Fair business was done in wheat to-day at 3s 2½d to 3s 3d, at which rate the market was firm. Flour is the same, and quoted at £7 2s 6d to £7 7s 6d. Bran and pollard at 11d. Calcutta advices confirm the advance in jute goods, and gunny cornsacks are quoted at 6s 7½d for September and November shipment. Branbags, on spot, are worth 5s 3d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

About 4000 bags of wheat sold to-day at 3s 3½d ex siding store. Sellers of parcels ask up to 3s 4d alongside ship. Flour is quoted from £7 7s 6d to £7 10s; 100 tons sold for export to the East. Bran is firm at 10½d, and pollard is worth 10½d to 11d. Good ordinary malting barley sold at 4s 0d to 4s 9d, fair 4s 2d to 4s 4½d, medium 3s 6d to 4s. 250 bags of medium duckbill sold at auction at 3s 10d, English feed up to 3s, and prime Cape barley sold at auction at up to 3s 1½d. Algerian oats are more active. Better qualities are slightly firmer. Prime milling are worth 2s 2½d to 2s 3d, good ordinary milling 2s 2d, good feed 2s 1d to 2s 1½d, and medium to fair feed is 1½d to 2s 0½d. Algerian seed sold at up to 2s 6d. About 5000 bags of oats sold privately and at auction, including 1000 bags of feed for export. Old Victorian maize, in small lots, sold at 3s 3d to 3s 3½d, and new Queensland at 3s landed. Peas sold at 4s 1d. Chaff is worth 45s to 55s, and occasionally 57s 6d. Hay is in fair demand, manger hay selling at £3 to £3 15s, and sheaves £1 15s to £2 10s. Potatoes are steady, Gippsland selling at £7 to £7 10s, and occasionally to £7 15s to £8, Warrnambool to £7, and pinkeye £6 10s to £7 5s. Onions are in heavy supply and weak at £5 to £5 10s. Butter is dull and weak, ordinary selling at 8½d to 9d, prime 9½d, special to 10d, and choice Western 10½d to 11d. Eggs are firmer, and worth 1s 1d to 1s 3d.

Four hundred and fifty packages of Ceylon tea sold up to 1s 1d. Further business was done in new Mildura lexias, sales of over 1000 boxes being made. The final outturn of the crop appears to be still problematical, and until a closer knowledge is arrived at, the work of dealing with orders cannot be completed. 200 half-cases of provincial currants sold at 4½d, 100 boxes of imported sultanas at 6d. Three tons of powdered borax sold. Cornsacks on spot realised 6s 7½d, bran bags 5s to 5s 1½d. Moderate business was done in fencing wire and wire netting. Fair business was done in tinplates at advanced prices.

FAT STOCK MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Elder, Smith, and Co. report:—At the sales to-day 530 cattle were yarded, mostly good to prime, including 100 Victorian, 180 from the north, 70 from the south-east, 120 from the Lakes, and the balance local. There was a large attendance, and competition was good, though values were slightly lower. Prime beef made 20s. We sold 140 cattle. Sheep had 7000 yarded. Prices eased 1s. Shippers took 1000 and graziers 900. Quotations were:—Prime merino wethers, 21s to 23s, extra 25s; ewes to 18s 6d; prime crossbred wethers, 21s to 25s. Lambs: 1200 yarded. Prices are much higher.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the live stock market to-day, 1465 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 60 from New South Wales, 400 from the north-eastern district, 200 from Gippsland, 450 from South Gippsland, and 150 from the westward, which consisted chiefly of good and prime qualities. Demand was brisk throughout at improved rates. Quotations:—Prime pens of bullocks sold from £10 15s to £12 5s, extra ditto from £12 10s to £14, good ditto from £8 15s to £10 5s, second ditto from £7 10s to £8 5s, with light steers from £5. Prime pens of cows sold from £7 10s to £8 10s, odd beasts to £10, good ditto from £6 to £7, second and inferior from £4 10s.

Two hundred and seventy fat calves were penned. Demand was inactive, and prices were decidedly easier. Prime steers and heifers sold from 75s to 100s, prime calves from 45s to 60s, best vealers from 25s to 40s, with small and interior less.

In the Metropolitan Dead Meat Market prices for the week ended to-day were:—Beef: Prime bodies, 21s to 22s per 100lb; medium, 20s; prime forequarters, 15s; medium, 13s to 14s; prime hindquarters, 27s to 28s; medium, 26s. Sheep: Prime light sheep, 2½d per lb; medium, 2¼d; heavyweights, 2¼d. Lambs: Prime, 10s to 11s each; medium, 8s to 9s. Veal: Prime large vealers, 2½d to 2¾d per lb; medium, 1½d to 2d; prime small vealers, 3d to 3½d; medium, 2¼d; small calves, 2d to 2½d.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Wednesday.

The steamer Kallatina left here for Sydney at 8.30 a.m. Cargo: 554 bxs butter, 82 cs eggs, 50 cs fish, 31 pkgs honey, 1922 bgs maize, 10 bgs beans, 8 bgs pumpkins, 20 bgs bottles, 61 hides, 5 horses, 77 pigs, 15 csks tallow, and a large quantity of sundries.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Business in Sussex-street was exceptionally quiet yesterday, owing, no doubt, to the near approach of the end of the month. Prices remained steady. The maize market was fairly well stocked. A slightly firmer tone was noted, due to the fact that buyers were all inquiring for the very best quality. White oats were again very scarce, and up to 3s was willingly paid for choice samples. The demand for Algerians was, however, not quite so strong. Other grains were quiet and unchanged. Tasmanian potatoes were in good supply, but the best had been picked out, and £8 10s as the best price that could be obtained for those available. Onions were unaltered, though a slightly firmer tendency was apparent.

Supplies of local chaff were again light, consequently there was an improved demand for imported lots. Lucerne was scarce, and a further upward movement was noted. On the wharf prime makes were firm at £5, while old and rough descriptions went at from £4.

Mill offals were scarce on account of the large export trade being carried on.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Barley.—English, feed 3s 2d to 3s 6d; Cape, 3s 6d; South Australian malting, 4s 3d to 4s 6d bus.

Maize.—Prime dry river 2s 9d, good 2s 8d, soft descriptions from 2s; white 2s 4d to 2s 5d bus.

Oats.—Melbourne: Algerian, heavy feed 2s 6d to 2s 8d; seed, 2s 10d to 3s. Tasmanian: Whites, 2s 10d to 2s 11d. White Giants, 3s; Tartarian, seed 3s 2d. Local: 2s 8d to 2s 10d bus.

Peas.—Blue 4s 9d to 5s, grey, 4s 9d to 5s bus.

Chickwheat.—Second milling 3s 2½d, prime feed 3s to 3s 1d, medium 2s 11½d, inferior from 2s 6d bus.

Bran, 10½d; pollard, 10½d bus.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Choice £3 16s 8d to £4, prime £3 10s to £3 11s 8d, medium £3 to £3 5s. Victorian: Wheaten £3 5s to £3 10s, oaten £2 15s to £3. Adelaide: Wheaten £3 10s ton.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: Prime £3 10s to £3 15s, other sorts £3 5s ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime dry green £4 10s to £4 15s, old summer £4. At Redfern: Prime truss £3 10s ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed—Tasmanian: £2 to £3 2s 6d ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: £8 to £8 10s. At Redfern: £7 11s 8d to £8 3s 4d ton.

Onions.—Victorian: Brown Spanish, £6 to £6 10s ton.

Pumpkins.—1s 6d to 2s 8d dozen.

Turnips.—£5 ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

Quiet conditions prevailed throughout the dairy produce markets of Sussex-street, and quotations remained practically unaltered. The only movement was a slightly firmer tone in railway eggs, some of which arrived in exceptionally good condition, and were practically as good as the new laid.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Choice 9d, seconds 7½d to 8d, inferior 6½d to 7d lb.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf 5½d to 6d, good 5½d, prime large 5½d, good 5d to 5¼d, inferior from 4½d; Kameruka Cheddar, 6d; Bodalla, 6½d lb.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders 5½d to 6d, bulk 5½d to 5½d.

Beeswax.—Dark 1s 1½d, prime 1s 2d lb.

Honey.—60lb tins choice extracted 2¾d to 3d, good 2½d, inferior 2d lb.

Bacon.—Prime factory, flitches 6½d to 7d, middles 8d, sides 6½d to 7d; special brands, sides 7¼d, flitches 7¼, middles 9½d. Hams: In cloth 8d to 8½d. bagged 9½d to 9½d; special brands to 11d.

Eggs.—Northern, 1s 1d to 1s 2d; Southern and railway, 1s 3d to 1s 4d, odd lots 1s 5d; new-laids, 1s 9d to 1s 10d, cold-stores, 1s 1d to 1s 2d dozen.

POULTRY AND GAME.

River.—Hens, old 2s 3d to 2s 6d; roosters, good 3s, prime 3s 9d to 4s, extra heavy 4s 6d; English ducks, 2s to 2s 3d, choice 2s 6d; Muscovy, 2s 6d to 2s 9d, choice 3s, drakes 4s; guinea fowl, nominal; turkeys, hens, 3s 6d to 5s 6d, gobblers 5s to 6s, good 7s to 8s, extra heavy 10s to 12s; geese, young 5s to 5s 6d; black ducks 2s 6d, brown 2s, teal, 1s 6d; common pigeons, 1s to 1s 6d per pair.

Suburban.—Fowls, young roosters 2s 10d to 3s 4d, choice 6s, very small kinds from 1s 4d; old hens 2s to 3s 3d, choice 3s 10d; ducks, English 7s 3d to 3s, choice suburban 3s 8d; ducks, Muscovy 2s 6d to 3s 6d, choice suburban 4s 4d; drakes, Muscovy 3s 9d to 6s 6d, choice suburban 7s 6d; turkeys, hens 6s to 8s 3d, small from 4s; turkeys, gobblers 9s 6d to 21s, choice small ditto 5s; geese, 4s 3d to 6s; guinea fowls, 4s 4d to 5s 5d; pigeons, 1s 1d to 1s 6d per pair.

Rabbits.—Good 6s 6d to 8s; kittens, 2s 6d to 4s dozen pairs.

Hares.—1s pair.

REDFERN SALE.

Deliveries of produce at the Redfern auction yards were exceptionally light, only 30 trucks being forward. Market values did not undergo any marked change, a slight strengthening tendency in the price for chaff being the only phase worthy of note. Choice cut chaff made 3s 11d and 4s, prime from 3s 6d to 3s 7d, and medium from 3s to 3s 3d cwt. One consignment of medium truss lucerne moved off at 3s 6d cwt. Prime chickwheat found a buyer at 3s 3d bus. The demand for oats was poor. Several samples were submitted, but could find no reasonable offer. Potatoes and pumpkins had the usual brisk inquiry, vendors effecting sales at practically unchanged values.

Consignments were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From Rowston and Boyd, Ganmain, (3683) 3s 6d; Moore and Kelly, (8060) 3s 11d; Gray, (8064) 3s 3d; Jenkins, Forbes, (6075) 3s 6d; Hoare, Narromine, (3648) 3s, (11265) 3s; Rowston, Coolamon, (6594) 3s 7d, (10788) 4s, (1574) 3s 11d; W. H. and Co., Uranquinty, (2713) 3s 10d; Dean, Coolamon, (4715) 3s 2d; Stevenson, (4369) 3s 10d; Breadon, Curraghmore, (7111) 3s cwt.

Lucerne.—From Greentree, Windsor, (7995) 3s 6d cwt.

Wheat.—From Nancarrow and Son, Cargo-road, (11404) 3s 3d bus.

Potatoes.—From Burgess, Armidale, (12737) 16 bags branded P 8s 2d, 41 bags W 8s 1d, 7 H 8s, 11 E 8s, 32 T 8s; ex Bathurst, (4080) 7s 7d cwt.

Pumpkins.—From Glasheen, Lochinvar, (7429) 1s 6d; H. Hollier, Penrith, 2s 2d and 2s 8d; South, Windsor, 2s 2d; Conlon, 2s and 2s 7d doz.

FRUIT MARKETS.

A moderate turnover was reported at the Bathurst-street fruit markets. A consignment of Fiji bananas arrived, and they opened up very firm. No other changes were reported.

Current quotations were:—

Pineapples.—Common and Queen: Extra choice 10s, choice 7s 6d to 9s, medium 6s 6d to 7s, small and inferior 5s case.

Apples.—Local: Choice, eating, Jonathans 16s, good 10s to 12s, jam lots 2s 6d to 3s 6d. Cooking: Prime 6s to 7s 6d, others 5s to 6s gin-case. Tasmanian: Alexandria, 5s to 8s; French Crabs, 7s; Codlin, 4s to 5s 6d; Ribstones, 6s to 7s 6d. Victorian: Jonathans, choice 8s to 9s, medium 6s to 7s, small 5s case.

Tomatoes.—Local: Choice 1s 6d to 2s half-case.

Figs.—Local: Choice 4s to 5s, jam lots 2s to 2s 6d half-case.

Lemons.—Choice white, 4s to 6s, medium 3s to 4s, rough from 2s gin-case. Italian: 10s to 10s 6d case of 160. American: 7s 6d to 8s case of 180.

Bananas.—Fiji: 13s to 14s 6d case, 3s 6d to 7s bunch.

Persimmons.—1s 6d to 2s box.

Peaches.—Choice local, 4s 6d to 5s box.

Pears.—Victorian: Beurre de Cap, 8s to 10s; Golden Beurre, 6s to 7s 6d; Gansell's, 8s to 10s; Beurre Bosc, 7s 6d to 8s 6d packer. Tasmanian: Beurre Bosc, 4s to 5s; Beurre de Cap, 4s to 4s 6d; Gansell's, 4s to 5s 6d half-case.

Oranges.—Local: Choice 6s to 8s, medium 4s to 5s, small from 1s 6d case.

Quinces.—3s to 5s gin-case.

Passionfruit.—2s to 4s box, 4s to 6s case.

Mandarins.—Choice 5s to 6s, medium 3s to 4s, small 1s 6d to 2s box, choice 10s to 12s, medium 6s to 7s, small 4s case.

Grapes.—Hamburgs, 4s to 5s; black Muscatels, 4s to 7s, white 4s to 7s; sherries, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; Doradillas, 2s to 4s 25lb box.

Coconuts.—13s bag.

VEGETABLE MARKET.

A moderate turnover was effected at the Belmore vegetable markets, prices on offer showing no material change. Cabbages, 2s 6d to 4s 6d; lettuce, 1s; cucumbers, 1s 9d; marrows, 2s; pumpkins, 1s 6d to 4s doz; carrots, 9d; parsnips, 1s 3d; turnips, 1s 6d; beetroot, 8d; spinach, 6d; celery, 1s 6d, rhubarb, 2s; watercress, 2s; eschalots, 1s; radishes, 6d; mint, 1s; herbs, 1s; parsley, 1s; leeks, 1s doz. bunches; potatoes, Circular Head, 9s 6d, sweet, 6s to 8s; onions, 9s 6d; Swede turnips, 6s cwt; beans, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; chillies, 4s to 4s 6d bus.; tomatoes, 1s 6d to 2s quarter-case.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For sale of April 30, 41 sheep vans, 168 cattle waggons; May 3, 121 sheep vans, 128 cattle waggons.

HOMEBUSH SALES.

At to-day's sales of fat stock to be held at Homebush, the offerings will be:—

Sheep: 18,850.

Cattle: 930.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report:—

Furskins.—Kangaroo and wallaroo ruled firm, while small wallaby were easier. Rabbitskins showed a weakening tendency, especially for summer grades. Opossum skins: 42,951 were offered. A weaker market prevailed, prices generally being 6d to 1s per dozen below late rates. Quotations:—Grey kangaroo, large 45d to 70½d each, medium 20d to 45d, small 6d to 17½d; red kangaroo, large 43d to 72d, medium 20d to 40d, small 6d to 17d; wallaroo, large 34d to 52d, medium 18d to 32d, small 5d to 16d; wallaby, scrub, large 14d to 24½d, medium 3d to 13½d, small 1d to 2½d; wallaby, swamp, large 13d to 22d, medium 3d to 12½d, small 1d to 2½d; wallaby, rock, 1d to 8½d; goats, best 15d to 20d, seconds 3d to 14d; bears, best 8d to 10d, seconds 1d to 7½d; rabbits, first 10d to 11½d per lb, medium 6d to 9½d, small and inferior 3d to 5½d. Opossum skins: Top grey, 22s to 25s per dozen; super grey, 18s to 21s; first grey, 13s to 17s 6d; second grey, 7s to 12s; top red, 21s to 28s 9d; super red, 16s to 20s; first red, 11s to 15s; second red, 7s to 10s 6d; top rumped, 8s 6d to 11s 3d; first rumped, 6s 3d to 8s 3d; second rumped, 1s 6d to 6s; torn and weevily, 2s to 5s; super black, 28s to 40s; first black, 16s to 27s; second black, 6s to 15s.

Leather.—Sales were held yesterday by Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., and Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd. The demand was for everything light. Good spready kip and tweed was readily taken. Sole sold well, while a fine lot of basils were offered, which realised high prices. There was no change in harness, bridle, and bag. Quotations:—Cow tweed, 16½d to 17½d lb; yearling tweed, 17d to 18½d; calf tweed, 21d to 23d; waxed yearling, best 18d to 19d, heavy 15½d to 17d; waxed calf, 24d to 28d; kip, best light 15d to 15½d, heavy 14½d to 14½d; dressed splits, 6d to 10½d; sole, extra heavy 13d to 14d, heavy 12d to 12½d, medium 11d to 11½d, light 10½d to 11½d, damaged 7d to 10d; brown harness, 12½d to 13½d; black harness, 13d to 14½d; bridle, 12s to 15s per side; bag, 11s to 13s 9d per side; basils, saddlers' 20s to 25s per dozen, shoe 5s to 18s.

NEW SOUTH WALES SETTLERS.

IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

A party of 12 settlers from Singleton, Maitland, Quirindi, and Armidale, New South Wales, who have come to Queensland to inspect land with a view to settling here, had an interview with the Minister for Lands this morning. Discussing the class of land required, members of the party stated that they required land which could be made freehold. Mr. Bell mentioned land near Chinchilla, which he was prepared to offer at a low price in areas of 800 acres. It was decided that six of the party should go to the Chinchilla district and six to the Wondai district.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday a moderate amount of business was recorded. There was good inquiry for Barrier silver stocks, with the exception of Junctions, Junction Norths, and Norths, which had exchanges at slightly lower figures. Tin was neglected and featureless; while in copper operations were confined to O.K., paid, at 24s, and Shuttleton, paid, at 3s. Local gold and dredging companies were dull. In the Queensland division Brilliant Extended, paid, changed hands at 21s, being a reduction of 1s 3d on the last sale recorded. South Glanmire and Monkland also had attention, 1000 shares being taken at 4s 8d, 4s 9d, with more wanted at the latter figure. Western Australian stocks were quiet, although in several instances buyers were offering advanced prices for stocks.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Chillagoe	0 3 2	0 3 4
Crowl Creek	—	0 0 0
Girilambone Mining	0 1 2	0 1 6
Mount Molloy	—	0 13 0
Mungana (Chillagoe)	—	0 3 5
North Nymagee	0 0 7	0 0 9
O. K.	—	1 4 3
Queen Bee	0 17 0	—
Shuttleton	0 2 9	—
Ditto, contributing	—	0 2 0
TIN.		
Briseis	0 15 0	0 15 9
Smith's Creek Proprietary	—	0 6
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Vulcan	—	5 14 0
Vulcan Hope	—	0 4 3
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	1 13 6	1 14 0
Broken Hill Proprietary	3 10 0	3 11 9
Ditto, Block 10	4 8 6	4 11 0
Ditto, Block 14	—	1 11 0
Ditto, Preference	—	1 8 0
B. H. Junction	0 4 1	0 4 3½
B. H. Junction North	0 17 10	0 18 0
B. H. North	—	2 10 0
B. H. South	4 4 0	4 5 0
B. H. South, contributing	3 17 6	3 18 0
B.H. South Blocks	—	1 5 0
New White Leads	0 2 9	—
Overflow, contributing	0 3 6	0 5 6
Sulphide Corporation (ordinary)	0 14 3	0 15 0
Rising Sun	—	0 0 6½
C.S.A., paid	—	1 12 6
Ditto, Central	—	4 10 0
Ditto, North	—	4 0 0
Tasmania.		
Curtin and Davis	0 0 6	—
Mount Lyell	2 5 0	2 6 6
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 1 0	—
Mount David	0 0 9½	0 0 10½
Myall and Peak Hill, paid	0 3 0	0 4 0
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 5 9	0 6 0
Occidental	—	0 9 0
Sunlight	0 0 9	0 0 10
Woodlark Island	0 1 0	0 1 0
Ditto, contributing	—	0 0 9
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated	0 5 0	—
Araluen Central	0 12 3	0 13 0
Ditto, contributing	0 11 3	0 12 0
Associated Gold Dredging	0 4 9	0 5 0
Buckland River	—	0 1 4
Cope's Creek	0 6 6	0 8 0
Jembaicumbene	—	0 1 9
New Wylie Creek	0 4 9	0 5 6
Turon River	0 3 3	—
Queensland. Charters Towers, etc.		
Band of Hope	—	0 5 0
Bonnie Dundee	0 1 6	—
Brilliant Central	—	0 12 0
Brilliant Extended	1 0 3	1 1 6
Ditto, contributing	—	0 19 9
Brilliant St. George, contributing	—	0 7 3
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, etc.	0 2 3	—
Ditto, contributing	—	0 2 1
Kelly's Queen's Block	0 7 0	—
Ditto, contributing	0 6 6	—
Marshall's Queen	—	0 5 9
Ditto, contributing	—	0 4 9
Mount Morgan	3 15 3	3 16 0
Queen Central	—	0 4 0
Queen Cross Reef	—	0 8 6
Ruby	—	0 2 9
Ditto, contributing	—	0 1 6
Victory	0 7 0	0 7 10
Gympie.		
North Columbia and Smithfield No. 1	0 1 0	0 1 4
Ditto, contributing	0 0 9	0 0 10
Ditto, No. 2	—	0 0 6
North Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	0 3 3	0 3 0
North Oriental and Glanmire No. 2	—	0 0 9
North Smithfield	—	0 1 9
North Smithfield No. 1	0 4 3	0 4 6
Oriental and Glanmire	0 3 0	0 4 6
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 4 8	0 4 11
South Great Eastern No. 2	—	0 18 6
Western Australia.		
Associated	2 2 6	2 5 0
Ditto Northern Blocks	1 4 6	—
Chaffer's	0 1 3	0 1 8
Great Boulder	1 3 3	—
Ditto Main Reef	0 2 3	—
Ditto, Perseverance	0 10 8	0 11 6
Great Fingall Consolidated	4 10 0	—
Hainault	1 10 0	—
Ivanhoe	6 0 0	6 15 0
Kalgurli, London register	8 15 0	9 10 0
Kalgurli South, London register	1 6 0	—
Oroya-Brown Hill	2 15 0	2 17 0
Queensland Menzies	0 2 3	0 2 8
Queen Margaret	0 4 5	0 4 9

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Forenoon: South Glanmire and Monkland 4s 8d, 4s 9d: B.H. Junction, 4s 1d; O.K., paid, 24s. Later: B.H. Junction North, 18s 1½d; Mount David, 10d; B.H. Junction, 4s 1d; Golden Age, 10s 3½d. Noon: B.H. Junction North, 17s 9d, 17s 10½d; Shuttleton Copper, paid, 3s. Later: Shuttleton Copper, paid, 3s; B.H. Junction, 4s 1d; Brilliant Extended, paid, 21s; North B.H., 49s. Afternoon: Broken Hill Junction North, 18s; Broken Hill Junction, 4s 1½d. Later: Junction North, terms six weeks, 18s; North Broken Hill, 49s; Broken Hill Junction, 4s 1d; Hustler's Reef, Bendigo, 23s.

The Mungana (Chillagoe) Company during the week ended April 13 shipped 293 tons of ore.

Mount Morgan has declared a dividend of 3d per share, payable on May 1.

No. 1 South Oriental crushed 397 tons for 1369oz of amalgam.

No. 1 South Great Eastern crushed 209 tons for 238oz 8dwt 6gr smelted gold.

BARRIER MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Running the mill two shifts on Block 10 will, the manager (Mr. Low) states, be a matter of two or three weeks only. Mr. Low asserts that there is no shortage of men, but that the sinking of the main shaft will temporarily affect ore supplies to the mill. The mill during the past week treated much above the average quantity of ore, but for the next couple of weeks it will possibly treat only about 2800 tons weekly. The main shaft is to be sunk to the 1600ft level, and sinking has been started. Crosscuts will be put in at each hundred feet. The experimental zinc plant on the mine has lately been doing really good work. At the 1115ft level the northern drive was advanced 676ft. As the drive reached within 10ft of the Proprietary boundary driving was discontinued. The ore body is 45ft wide, and the face assays 15 per cent. lead, 11.5oz silver, and 19.8 per cent. zinc. The rise under the main shaft was squared up to 84ft. Stoping was started in this level, where the ore body recently met with in the Proprietary's 1200ft is 40ft wide. The ore assays 17.7 per cent lead, 13.2oz silver, and 21 per cent. zinc.

The New White Leads shaft is now down over 400ft. Some little trouble with water has been overcome. It was reported in Broken Hill to-day that it had been decided to discontinue flooding the Junction mine, but the managers of several mines interested say that they have received no advice in the matter. Meantime water is going underground at the rate of 950,000 gallons per day. The City Council last night agreed to supply about three million gallons of water from the Imperial dam at 3s 6d per 1000 gallons, to assist the speedy flooding.

This morning 446 men went underground at the Proprietary mine, making 1197 for the 24 hours. Work is proceeding smoothly on the mine.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—Associated (Col.), 44s, 43s 9d, 44s 6d, b 44s 3d, s 44s 6d; Associated Northern Blocks, (Col.), 25s 6d, 25s 3d, b 25s 3d, s 25s 6d; Bayley's Consols, 1s 7d, 1s 8d, b 1s 6d, s 1s 8d; Cumberland, 4s 7d, 4s 8d; Great Boulder, b 23s 10½d, s 24s 1½d; ditto, No. 1, b 7s 6d, s 8s; Golden Pole, b 8s 7d, s 8s 10d; Golden Ridge, 6s; Great Boulder Perseverance (Col.), 11s 6d, 11s 4½d, 11s 3d, b 11s 3d, s 11s 4½d; Hainault, b 31s 9d, s 32s 6d; Lake View Consols (Col.), b 20s 9d, s 21s 6d; North Kalgurli, 1s 6d, 1s 5½d, b 1s 5½d, s 1s 6½d; Princess Royal, paid, b 9s 4d, s 9s 9d; ditto, contg., 8s, b 7s 11d, s 8s 2d; ditto, Central, 11d; Queen Margaret, 4s 8d, 4s 6d, 4s 7d, b 4s 6d, s 4s 8d; Westralia Waihi, 1s 6d, 1s 6½d, 1s 6d, b 1s 6d, s 1s 7d; Victory United, 1s 6½d, 1s; Baker's Creek, 1s 9d, b 1s 8d, s 1s 10d; B.H. Proprietary, 71s 6d, 70s 6d, 70s 9d, b 70s 6d, s 70s 9d; ditto (Lon.), 71s; Block 14 (ord.), 28s 10½d, 28s 6d, b 28s 3d, s 28s 6d; ditto (pref.), 25s, b 24s 9d, s 25s 6d; British (old), 33s 9d, b 33s 7½d, s 33s 10½d; ditto (new), 32s, b 31s 10½d, s 32s; B.H. Block 10, 89s 6d, 90s, b 89s 9d, s 90s 3d; B.H. Junction, 4s, 3s 11d, 3s 11½d, b 3s 11d, s 4s; North B.H., 49s 4½d, 49s 3d, 49s 9d, b 49s 9d, s 50s; B.H. South, paid, b 85s, s 85s 6d; ditto, contg, 77s 9d, 78s 6d, b 78s, s 78s 6d; South Blocks, b 23s, s 23s 9d; North Extended, 4d; Junction North, 18s 1½d, 17s 7½d, 18s 4½d, b 18s 3d, s 18s 4½d; Ringarooma, b £5 15s, s £6 10s; Gladstone, £10, b £9 12s 6d, s £10; North Queensland, £8, b £7 15s, s £8 10s; New White Lead, 3s, b 3s, s 3s 0½d; Mount Lyell, b 45s, s 46s 6d; Lyell Blocks, b 9s 6d, s 9s 10d; O.K., paid, 23s 10½d, 23s 9d; Wallaroo, b 41s 3d, s 41s 9d; Briseis, 14s 10½d, 15s, b 15s, s 15s 1½d; New Ruby Flat, b 14s, s 15s; Stannary Hills, 2s 3d, b 2s 3d, s 2s 4d; Smith's Creek, 6s 6d, 6s 1d, b 6s 3d, s 6s 4d; North Eastern, £6 7s 6d; Hydraulic Sluicing, £5 5s, b £5 5s, s £5 10s; Sebunga Sluicing, 75s, 72s 6d, b 70s, s 72s 6d.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's quotations were:—Chillagoe, b 3s 2d, s 3s 6d; O.K., paid, b 22s 6d; Vulcan Tin, s 115s; Wilcock's Cloncurry, b £17 10s.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—Brilliant, 8s; Brilliant Extended, 22s to 21s 6d; Carrington Lion, 2s 6d, 2s 8d; Clark's B.W. and Victory, contg, 1s 6d, 1s 7d; Grant and Sunset, 5½d; Imperial, 7d; Lion West, 3d; Mystery Deep Mines, 4d; New Brilliant Freehold, 2s; Try Again, 8d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contg, 1s 3d, 1s 4d; Wallis' Day Dawn, 6d, 6½d; ditto, paid, 1s 4d.

Quotations:—Bonnie Dundee, new issue, b 2s 6d, s 2s 10d; Brilliant Central, b 11s, s 12s; Brilliant, b 7s 9d, s 8s 3d; Brilliant Extended, 21s; ditto, paid, s 22s; Carrington Lion, b 2s 6d; Clark's B.W. and Victory, b 1s 6d, s 1s 7d; ditto, paid, b 2s, s 2s 2d; Day Dawn P.C., b 1s 5d, s 1s 6d; Day Dawn Gold Mines, b 4s 10d, s 5s 3d; School Reserve, b 9d, s 11d; ditto, paid, b 1s 8d, s 1s 10d; Deep Levels, b 2s, s 2s 1d; East Mexican, b 6s, s 6s 11d; ditto, paid, b 9s, s 10s; Golden Alexandra, b 4s, s 4s 4d; Grant and Sunset, b 5d; Grand Junction, b 5½d, s 6d; Imperial, b 6d, s 8d; Kelly's Queen Block, b 7s, s 7s 3d; ditto, paid, b 7s 5d, s 7s 7d; Kulamadau, b 3s 6d, s 3s 8d; Lion West, b 3½d, s 5d; ditto, paid, b 8d, s 10d; London, paid, b 2s 3d; Marshall's Queen, b 3s 9d, s 4s; Mills' United, b 25s 3d, s 26s; Mystery Deep Mines, b 3½d, s 4d; New Brilliant Freehold, b 2s, s 2s 2d; Craven's Caledonia, b 3½d, s 5d; O.K., paid, b 23s 6d, s 24s 2d; Papuan, b 2s, s 2s 1d; Phoebe, b 1s 2d, s 1s 4d; Queen Cross Reef, b 8s 3d, s 8s 6d; Queen Central, b 3s 11d, s 4s 2d; Queen Deep, b 1s 4d, s 1s 7d; Ruby, paid, s 2s 3d; Ruby United, paid, b 1s, s 1s 6d; Try Again, b 7½d, s 8d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, b 1s 3d, s 1s 5d; ditto, paid, b 2s; Victory, b 7s, s 7s 9d; Wallis' Day Dawn, b 6d, s 7d; ditto, paid, b 1s 3d, s 1s 6d.

GYMPIE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were: — Columbia Extended, 8d; East Oriental, contg., 6½d.

Quotations:—Columbia Smithfield, paid, b 1s 6d, s 2s; ditto, contg., b 1s 3d, s 1s 6d; No. 1 North Columbia (old), b 1s, s 1s 4d; ditto (new), b 7½d, s 10d; No. 2 North Columbia, b 5s 8d, s 6s; Columbia Extended, b 7½d, s 9d; South Glanmire and Monkland, b 4s 6d, s 5s; No. 1 South Great Eastern, b 1s 6d, s 2s; Oriental Surprise, b 3½d, s 5d; No. 1 North Oriental, b 2s 4d, s 3s; No. 2 North Oriental, b 4½d, s 7d; No. 1 South Oriental, b 2s 5d, s 2s 8d; East Oriental, paid, b 1s, s 1s 4d; ditto, contg., b 6d, s 6½d; North Smithfield, b 1s 6d, s 2s; No. 1 North Smithfield, b 3s, s 4s 8d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Silver: B.H. Block 10, 90s, b 90s, s 91s; B.H. Block 14, b 28s 6d; ditto (pref.), 25s, b 25s, s 27s; British B.H., 34s, b 34s 6d; B.H. Proprietary, 71s 6d, 71s, b 71s, s 71s 6d; B.H. Junction, 4s 1d, b 3s 10d, s 4s 3d; Junction North, 18s 3d, 17s 7½d, b 17s 9d, s 17s 10½d; B.H. South, paid, b 84s, s 85s; South Blocks, 23s 6d, b 23s, s 24s 6d; New White Leads, 2s 11d, 2s 10d, b 2s 9d, s 2s 11d; North B.H., 49s 6d, 49s 9d, b 49s 9d, s 50s.

Copper and gold: Austral Valley, b 80s; Mt. Lyell, b 46s, s 47s; Lyell Blocks, 9s 10d, 9s 8d, 9s 9d, b 9s 8d, s 9s 10d; O.K., paid, 24s 3d, b 23s 9d, s 24s 3d; Crowl Creek, s 6s; ditto, paid, b 4s; Mt. Morgan, b 74s.

Tin: Annan River, £7, b £7, s £7 10s; Mt. Bischoff, b £50 10s; Briseis, 15s 1½d, b 15s, s 15s 1½d; ditto Extended, 75s, 82s, b 82s; Ferris, paid, 6s 8d, b 6s 8d; Gladstone, b £9 5s, s £10; Mt. Stronach, s 5s, b 5s; New Ruby Flat, 14s 3d; North Eastern, £6 6s, £6 5s, b £6 3s; Pioneer Extended, 6s 6d, b 5s 6d, s 6s 6d; Ringarooma, b £5 10s, s £6 10s; Talmalmo, paid, £8, £7 4s, b £7 12s, s £7 18s; Wynford, 3s, b 3s, s 3s 3d.

Victorian mines: All Nations, 1s, s 1s 2d; Arthur's Creek, 4s 1½d, b 3s 9d, s 4s 6d; Bruhn's Consol, 4s 4d; Caledonia, 51s, 52s, b 50s, s 52s; Caledonia Blocks, 2s, b 1s 8d, s 2s; Caledonia Consols, 6s 3d, 6s, 5s 10d, b 5s 10d, s 6s; Caledonia Extended, 2s, 2s 1d; Catherine Reef, b 54s 6d, s 56s; Chalk's No. 3, 11s 9d, s 11s 9d; Fortuna Hustlers, 9s 3d, 9s, b 8s 9d, s 9s; Glendine South, 12s 6d, b 12s, s 12s 6d; Great Southern, s 20s; Hustler's Reef, 23s 3d, s 24s; Jubilee, 50s; Lazarus, 3s 8d, b 3s 4d, s 3s 9d; Long Tunnel, b £6 12s, s £6 18s; ditto Extended, £13, b £12 19s, s £13 2s; Mount Tarrangower, 1s 1d, b 1s, s 1s 1d; New Argus, 45s, 45s 6d, b 45s, s 45s 6d; New Dempsey, b 4s, s 4s 10d; New Loch Fyne, b 4s, s 7s 6d; New Moon, £7 10s; New Moon Consolidated, s 22s 6d; North Caledonia, 4s 7d, 5s 2d, b 5s, s 5s 3d; North New Moon, 65s, s 68s; Prentice and Southern, 1s 1d, b 1s, s 1s 4d; South Caledonia, 9s 9d, 9s 6d, 9s 9d, b 9s 6d, s 10s; South German, b 7s; South New Moon, £6 1s, b £5 18s, s £6; South St. Mungo, 6s, b 5s 10d, s 6s 3d; South Star, 1s 9d, b 1s 10d, s 2s; Specimen Hill, 53s 7d, 57s 6d, b 57s, s 57s 6d; Victor's Quartz, 2s 1d, b 2s; Williams' United, 21s, b 20s 6d, s 21s.

Western Australian mines: Barrambi Ranges, b 14s; Black Range, b £7, s £8 10s; Queen Margaret, b 4s 6d, s 4s 10d.

THE LYELL FIELD.

QUEENSTOWN (TAS.), Wednesday.

The main shaft at the North Lyell is down 815ft, with country still very hard. The ore body at the 1700ft level continues to produce a large tonnage from the intermediate and north-west stopes on the ground floor. The south drive, which has been extended to about 135ft, is keeping high grade ore. No. 1 rise at the 1600ft level is up about 65ft, and is still going through fair grade ore. A drive has been started going north along the contact, with the object of intersecting the downward continuation of No. 12 stope ore body, which is being worked in No. 1 north contact drive. At the 600ft level the main crosscut to connect the main shaft working with the engine winze workings at the 700ft level was holed through to-day, and the completion of this work will greatly improve the ventilation. Fair progress is being made with the sinking of the engine winze below the 700ft level, for which a contract has been let to sink 150ft. Smelting operations are again in full swing with four furnaces at the reduction works. Heavy rain has been falling almost incessantly for two days.

The Lyell Blocks mill is running two shifts, but soakage from the surface through heavy rain is causing a lot of trouble underground, and interfering seriously with the outputting of ore.

TASMANIAN MINING.

LAUNCESTON (TAS.), Wednesday.

The lode where cut at the 1100ft level of the Tasmania gold mine is 4ft wide, the first 1½ft being lode filling, the rest quartz value at 21dwt. The directors of the North Tasmanian Copper Company have decided to resume work on their mine at Rosebery.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, April 25.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—Broken Hill North, b 49s 9d, s 51s 3d; Broken Hill South, b £4 3s 9d, s £4 4s 3d.

Among the quotations for Australian shares on the London Stock Exchange on Tuesday were:—B.H. Proprietary 73s 3d (m); British B.H. 34s 3d (m); North B.H., 49s (m); Sulphide Corporation, 11s 9d (m); Mount Lyell, 45s 9d (b); Lyell Blocks, 9s 6d (m); Associated, 43s 9d (b); Associated Northern Blocks, 24s 9d (b); Hainault, 31s 9d (b); Oroya Brown Hill, 55s (b); Great Boulder No. 1, 8s (b). Lead was quoted at £15 17s 6d per ton, and tin at £180 5s per ton.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

E. C. V. BROUGHTON.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Houses and Land and Shares.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At Tema, Belmore-road, Randwick, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Statuary, China, Carpets, Dinner Service, etc.

CLARKE and SOLOMONS.—At the Auction Rooms, North Sydney, at 11, Furniture, Bookcase, Sewing Machine, Carpets, Stoves, etc.

STRONGMAN and WATSON.—At Flemma, Drummoyne, at 11, Furniture, Bookcases, Books, Pianoforte, Organ, Gas Stove, Linoleums, etc.

ALLDIS and CO.—At 28 Codrington-street, Darlington, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Sewing Machine, etc.

L. PHILLIPS.—At 276 Cleveland-street, at 11, Stock-in-Trade of a Hairdressing Saloon, Furniture, etc.

V. H. KELSON.—At the Salerooms, at 11 and 2, Furniture, Piano, Carpets, Linoleums, Dinner and Tea Services, Gas Stove, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Gold and Silver Watches, Jewellery, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.

FRASER, UTHER, and CO.—At the City Mart, at 12, Teas.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 2, Furniture, Carpets, etc.

H. LEVY.—At 351 Cleveland-street, at 2, Furniture, Scales, etc.

MITCHELL and CRANSTON.—At 10 Lennox-street, Newtown, at 11, Furniture, etc.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange, at 10, Horns, Hair, etc; at 2.30, Tallow.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Wool Salerooms, at 10, Hair, Horns, Bones; at 2.30, Tallow.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 11 and 3, Cattle.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30, 11, and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, etc.

H. LEVY.—At 351 Cleveland-street, at 2, Van, Harness, etc.

THE TARIFF COMMISSION

THE IRON TRADES INDUSTRY.

MORE PROTECTION ASKED.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The Tariff Commission sat at Brisbane to-day.

A. H. Waterfield, engineer, presented a statement from representatives of the iron trades in Queensland, with a view of showing that the Federal tariff had disastrously affected the iron industry of Queensland, and they therefore desired an increased duty on imported ironwork and machinery. The statement included tables showing the value of machinery imported into, and that manufactured within, the State during the six years ended 1904, and also a table showing that during the same period the average number of persons employed in the industry in Queensland had decreased by over 40 per cent. In some cases works had been closed down. The statement also included testimonies from leading firms showing that locally manufactured machinery was not only equal, but in many respects superior to that imported. The statement also pointed out that owing to longer hours worked in England and lower wages paid, Queensland manufacturers were placed at considerable disadvantages, not the least of which was the duty of 10 per cent. imposed on raw material, upon which they must operate. The statement adds that in order that the serious evils already suffered by the local trade in consequence of the operations of the tariff in its present form might to some extent be mitigated, and with a view of promoting future progress of the iron industry of this State they were of opinion that an import duty of at least 33 per cent. was imperative. Witness said the statement was prepared by himself and two others representing the committee of the iron trade.

In reply to Mr. Fowler, the witness said he was both engineer and paid secretary to the iron trade committee. There were a number of engineering firms in Queensland, but there had been a considerable falling off in the manufacture of agricultural machinery. In his opinion that falling off dated from the introduction of the Federal tariff. Drought and bad seasons were responsible for a small portion of the falling off. He was not aware that there were any firms in the engineering industry in Great Britain, which employed their hands only 48 hours a week. The minimum rate of wages in Australia was 10s a day; in Great Britain in his time it was 6s a day, while now it was 7s 6d a day.

Mr. Fowler: From what country does your principal competition come?

Witness: America, Germany, and Great Britain. America so far as agricultural machinery is concerned. Continuing, he said they were at no disadvantage in respect to wages as compared with America.

Mr. Fowler: Will an increased duty mean increased cost to the purchaser of machinery?

Witness: Not necessarily. In my opinion, no.

To Mr. Clarke: He hoped to break down any prejudice against locally-manufactured machinery which was not inferior to imported machinery.

Wm. Joseph Moss, who assisted to prepare the statement presented by the last witness, said that among exemptions now made in division 6, and on which his committee thought there should be a duty of 33 1-3 per cent., were ploughs, harrows, cultivators, cornshellers, shearing machines, brickmaking machines, straw hat presses, ship's fittings, winches, windlasses, steel-rimmed wheels, cylinders, etc. Many of these were dutiable under the old State tariff. Witness considered a bonus should be given to manufacturers of raw material, so that they might be encouraged, and so that they should be able to place their article on the market at the same rate as the imported article is already put on.

John Faulkner, representative of the Ironmasters' Association, presented a statement suggesting that machine tools should continue free, but that increases should be made as follows:—Boilers, 12½ to 25 or 30 per cent.; engines, ditto; portable and traction engines, from free to 25 to 30 per cent.; bolts and nuts, 12½ to 25 per cent.; and carriage bolts, from free to 25 per cent. Other items he would increase as follows:—Brass cocks, including those for engines and machinery, to 30 per cent.; dredge buckets, to 25 to 30 per cent.; forgings in the rough to 25 to 30 per cent.; sluice valves to 30 per cent.; CI belt pulleys, plummer blocks, shafting and engine castings, to 20 per cent. Under the previous tariff, taking a six months' average, they employed from 180 to 240 men, while under the present tariff they employed only 50 men. A fortnight's wages under the old tariff amounted to £846, and under the present to £153 5s 11d.

To Senator McGregor: Previous to the Federal tariff there was more local work. The Government then got more work done locally; now they were importing articles which could be seen in the harbour and rivers.

Senator McGregor: Has the Queensland Government given any preference to its local manufactures?

Witness: Very little.

Mr. Wamsley: Was your old Queensland tariff satisfactory to you?

Witness: It was better than the present.

To Mr. Fowler: Interstate competition had to some extent affected the Queensland metal-working trade. Farmers had an idea that an American machine was best, and it was hard to make them believe otherwise.

Mr. Fowler: Is not the reason to be found in the inventive capacity of the Yankees for supplying a very effective article at a low price?

Witness: Yes, perhaps.

Then, if you increase the duty, would you not be tending to compel the Australian farmer to put up with old-fashioned ideas?—I don't think so. Witness, in conclusion, said that the policy of protection was more likely to encourage the inventive genius of the Australian than free importation.

The commission adjourned until to-morrow.

During the sitting Senator Higgs, acting chairman, announced that the commission had decided to visit Maryborough, but time would not permit them to go to Bundaberg, Rockhampton, or Mackay.

DEATH OF A NATIVE PASTOR.

AN IMPRESSIVE SERVICE.

The London Missionary Society's steam yacht John Williams, which arrived from New Guinea a fortnight ago, brought a large contingent of South Sea Island pastors, who were returning to their island homes, mostly on account of illness contracted in the discharge of their duties. One of the most distinguished of these for long and faithful service was Munakoa, a native of Manihiki, in the Cook Islands. He should have returned home last year, but preferred to remain at his post until his son, who was preparing at the institute at Rarotonga, came to relieve him. The consequence of his devotion was an attack that nearly ended his services a few weeks before the arrival of the John Williams. It was hoped that the voyage would revive him, but on his arrival in Sydney he developed fresh attacks of malaria. On Sunday last he became unconscious, and was sent to the Sydney Hospital, where he died the same evening.

On Monday a service, conducted entirely in the Rarotongan language, was held in Messrs. Wood and Co.'s mortuary chapel, and was attended by Munakoa's widow, the Revs. E. Pryce Jones and J. H. Holmes, of New Guinea, Mr. Thomas Pratt, Captain Wyrill, a number of the crew of the John Williams, and also by two native pastors from New Guinea, who assisted the Rev. J. H. Holmes in conducting the service.

The remains were interred in the Rookwood Cemetery on Tuesday morning, and four stalwart sailors from the John Williams bore the handsome white coffin from the mortuary station to the graveside. Among those who followed were the widow, several European and native missionaries, the London Missionary Society's financial representative, and a few sympathisers with the work in the islands. The service at the grave, which was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Fordyce and the Rev. Dr. Lawes, was of a very impressive character, and the sight of the islanders surrounding the grave of their comrade, so far from their island home, was a most pathetic one. The body was buried in the grave of one of the seamen of the old barque John Williams, who died 14 years ago.

FEES OF LAND AGENTS.

A PRINCIPLE ESTABLISHED.

FORBES, Wednesday.

At the police court yesterday, before Mr. M'Kensey, an interesting land case was dealt with. Robert Officer, a land agent, by his solicitor, Mr. D. J. Moloney, sued J. Sweeney, a selector, for £20, fees for obtaining an additional settlement lease. The plaintiff represented that defendant agreed to pay that amount, but the defendant denied that that was so. The solicitor for the defence, Mr. M. J. Gilcreest, submitted that even if such an agreement was established, it need not be given effect to, as a land agent could only claim for the value of the work actually done. The plaintiff called several land agents to prove that the charge was a fair one, but all of them admitted that the charge was based on the speculative element of success.

The Court held that a land agent's charge should be calculated on the basis of the work done, whether the applicant was successful or not, and gave a verdict for the plaintiff for £10, without costs, that being the amount which defendant offered to pay.

QUEENSLAND.

A FORGETFUL LETTER-CARRIER.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

At the Townsville police court, a young man named Francis Hanify, a temporary letter-carrier at the Townsville Post-office, was charged with detaining or delaying letters, and fined £5, or two months' imprisonment. Hanify pleaded guilty. He left the letters underneath a house at the West End, intending to return to deliver them later. Meantime the letters were found by a boy playing under the house, and ultimately returned to the postmaster, Mr. Gulliver, who took legal action.

WOOLSHED BURNT DOWN.

The Commissioner of Police has received a telegram from Longreach stating that a woolshed at Terrick Terrick station and the shearing machinery were destroyed by fire last night. The insurances total £500. The origin of the fire is unknown.

WORKERS' POLITICAL ORGANISATION.

At a meeting of the Rockhampton Workers' Political Organisation held last night it was resolved that it is desirable that a triennial convention of delegates of the organisation to draw up a platform for the party should be held always shortly before the general election, and that the next convention should be held early in 1907. Further, it was resolved that all labour candidates be required to sign and adhere to the platform then drawn up by the convention.

LABOUR LEGISLATION.

Replying to deputations at Charters Towers to-day the Premier said the Government was starting a Department of Labour, with agencies in all important centres, where a systematic method would be adopted of finding out the needs of the labour market. He was anxious to make it a great registry office. He would not say the Government would not establish a labour colony, and the matter is now being inquired into. Referring to the Arbitration Bill, he said that when the measure was introduced it would include preference to unionists, but he was doubtful if he would be able to introduce the bill this year.

AN INFAMOUS DEFENCE.

At the District Court, Croydon, to-day, before Judge Rutledge, Ramji Singh, an Indian, was convicted of larceny from a dwelling, and was sentenced to 18 months' gaol. Singh's defence was that on the night he was accused of stealing he had an appointment with the landlady of the hotel where the crime was committed, and where the cashbox was kept. Judge Rutledge described the defence as the most shameful and horrible he had ever heard. The Indian not only attempted to steal the woman's money, but when caught tried to steal her good name. The verdict of the jury had saved the woman from a frightful stigma.

LABOUR PARTY'S PROGRAMME.

Speaking at Charters Towers to-night, Mr. Kerr, leader of the Labour party, said the Labour party was not a socialistic party, but a party with "Socialism in our time" as its motto. No member of the party was unprepared to sign the Federal platform. The State objective was nationalisation of all production of wealth. Where monopoly existed it was only right the Government should socialise it if a menace, but where all means of production and distribution were to be nationalised, it meant the whole, and that could not be done in our time.

AMUSEMENTS.

SYDNEY LIEDERTAFEL.

Works of real importance and merit for male-voice choruses are rare, and this fact accounts for the plenitude of serenades, drinking songs, and jocose trifles on which the popularity of a Liedertafel is too often founded. The only way of escape from the monotony of these more or less "jovial programmes" seems to be by the introduction of female voices, when at once a new-created world of fine music lies open to the performers. This was the course adopted, with excellent results, at the Town Hall last night. The Sydney Liedertafel then entertained a large audience, which included Lady Northcote, who sat with Sir John See (president, Sydney Liedertafel) in the eastern gallery, with a dignified rendering of the third act of "Tannhauser." The choice was good in many ways, inasmuch as the burthen of the concerted work in this final scene falls upon the Liedertafel choir, and above all because it is only by the repetition of Wagner's music that the great body of local amateurs can be properly prepared for the stage representation of his operas. It need hardly be said that it is of the utmost importance to the cause of music that our audiences should be trained to the ready appreciation of the operatic performances which are at present made available by theatrical managers only at long intervals. Were a more general and consistent support accorded, a short annual season of grand opera in English at each of the capitals of the Commonwealth would become possible.

The introduction to the third act, described by Wagner himself as "Tannhauser's Pilgrimage," presents a vivid tone-picture of the feelings by which the sin-laden hero was moved on his journeys to Rome and back. The alternative use of the brass and woodwind creates the atmosphere of mysticism required for the touching scene of the pilgrim's return after the curtain has risen. Mr. Arundel Orchard had rehearsed his forces carefully, the honours falling ultimately to the Liedertafel for their beautiful rendering of the Pilgrim's Chant. The voices made their crescendo exquisitely with the orchestra to the point at which the drums brought in their hollow sound, whilst the violins repeated the "insatiable figure" of which Berlioz complained when he first heard the overture. At the end of the act a score of girl-students from the Garcia School of Music achieved the right effect of religious exaltation in the anthem for "the younger pilgrims on an eminence in the foreground." Amongst the soloists, the artistic success was made by Miss Emily Marks, whose sympathetic yet penetrating voice was employed with purity of expression in Elizabeth's "Prayer," which, with the strange use of the woodwind, must be considered one of the finest devotional songs ever written. Miss Lanceley sang only the few dramatic phrases that fall to Venus when the vision is disclosed. Mr. Percy French had confidently studied the difficult music of Tannhauser, in itself no mean achievement, and on repetition he would probably find himself able to give a more dramatic reading of the words. Mr. Emil Susemilch had the more gracious part of Wolfram, and though his voice still needs equalising, he sang the splendid recitatives, and the affecting "O Star of Eve," with spirit and feeling. Altogether, the operatic recital was of a character which should encourage Mr. Orchard to further flights in the same direction.

In the first part of the programme the Liedertafel orchestra opened with the waltz from Cowen's "The Sleeping Beauty," an original and graceful piece, in which the players somehow missed the spirit of lightness which should animate the dance movement. The composer's scoring is, however, rather heavy. The choir sang Mohr's "Noble Rhine" admirably, contrasting well the vigorous harmonies that leap brightly along with the more slowly moving passages in massive unison. Mention should also be made of "The Rose and the Nightingale" (Pache), for Liedertafel and orchestra, chiefly acceptable for its romantic charm, to which the imaginative richness of the accompaniment largely contributed. Miss Carrie Lanceley chose Arditi's "Rosebuds" valse, which must be placed amongst the most hackneyed commonplaces of the modern concert room. A few singers, like Melba and Dolores, may use such a number in order to exhibit the polish and spontaneity of their vocal method, but though Miss Lanceley sang it well, there was nothing remarkable enough in those directions to justify the choice. However, the singer was encored, and her beautiful soprano voice then enabled her to do justice to Maud Valerie White's "To Memory." Miss Marks introduced Sullivan's highly original setting of Tennyson's "Tears, Idle Tears." The music is too full of unexpected modulations ever to become popular, nor does the verse allow the composer to rise above the hopeless despair which characterises it as a whole. It was, nevertheless, a pleasure to many to hear the fine music, and to hear it well rendered. Mr. J. Edward Sykes was the accompanist of the evening.

THE FRANZ DEGEN RECITALS.

Amateurs of music may again be reminded that Herr Franz Degen will make his Australian debut at the Centenary Hall to-night. The young German violinist, who will play many brilliant repertoire pieces, will be associated with Mr. Laurance Phillip in a Handel Sonata. Miss Fiorelli will be the vocalist. The plan is at Paling's.

TRINITY COLLEGE, LONDON.

Advice has been received from Trinity College, London, of the award of an exhibition (£6 6s) to Miss Bernadette Doran, of the Brigidene Convent, Cowra, in connection with the intermediate pianoforte examination of last year. These awards are made annually, and for the Commonwealth (excepting Tasmania) amount to more than £100. There are also the national prizes, of £5, which are not awarded until August. Entries for the practical examination of next September-October will close on June 2. The English examiner this year will be Mr. Alfred Mistowski, Mus. B., Oxon.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CONCERT.

A concert has been organised by Miss Gillan for this evening at the Lyceum Hall to provide a cot at the Hospital for Sick Children. College girls, assisted by leading artists, will appear.

SYDNEY SKATING RINK.

The Sydney Skating Rink, which is located in the Exhibition Building, Prince Alfred Park, was officially opened last night, and, judging by the attendance, roller-skating will become one of the most popular pastimes during the winter months. In fact, the attendance was so large that the building was unable to accommodate all those who wished to indulge in this fascinating amusement. The flooring has been completely relaid, giving a perfect skating surface, while the rink itself has been completely redecorated. In addition the comfort of patrons has been considered in every way, and comfortable lounge and smoking rooms have been provided.

BUCKJUMPING CONTESTS.

The £100 buckjumping contest, which was not decided during the late Agricultural Show, will be carried out next Saturday afternoon at the showground. The number of riders has been reduced to 10, all of whom are champions. They are to ride in poley saddles. The £10 open contest is also attracting attention. Thirty-six nominations have been received.

VICTORIA.

MURRAY RIVER WATERS QUESTION.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Speaking with reference to the criticisms by Mr. Butler, ex-Premier of South Australia, as to the agreement on the Murray River waters question, the Minister for Water Supply remarked to-day that if the question were looked at from the point of view of one State alone objections could be urged against any scheme that could be devised. The interests of three States had to be considered, and there was no use asking Parliament of two States to approve of an arrangement, which regarded only the interests of a third. In the conference just successfully concluded there was a general desire shown to give and take all round, and that was the only possible way of reaching finality.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.

A discussion attended with some acrimony took place at the Harbour Trust meeting to-day, on a motion by Commissioner Pitt to widen Coode Canal, and to reopen the existing waterway from the swinging basin to the boundary of the port to 300ft at low water. Eventually, the motion was carried that Coode Canal be widened, and that it be an instruction to the Works, Dredging, and Stores Committee to take steps to carry out the work, and deepen the existing waterway from the lower swinging basin to the boundary of the port.

THE GEMBROOK RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

The Railway Commissioners have furnished a very long memorandum to the Premier on the findings of the Gembrook accident board. They reiterate their opinion that the accident was due to excessive speed, and not to the condition of the line.

MASKED BURGLARS.

The gatehouse at Hedley railway station, on the Toora line, was stuck up by masked burglars on Sunday morning, and £7 was taken.

CASUALTIES.

A SCHOOLBOY KILLED.

A sixteen-year-old schoolboy named Ernest Edward Ivey met with a shocking death yesterday morning. He left his home in Highfield-road, Lindfield, for the purpose of proceeding to school, and, rushing down the steps of the overhead bridge at the railway station, made an attempt to board the train as it was leaving the platform. He slipped, and fell on to the lines, the wheels of the last car going over his head. The train was pulled up immediately, but when the boy was removed from under the wheels he was dead.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A BANK OFFICIAL.

Yesterday morning Alexander Sellar, 65, a building inspector for the Savings Bank of New South Wales, died suddenly on the Wahroonga railway station. He hurried along the platform to purchase a ticket, and while going to board the train sank on to a seat and expired.

DREADFUL BURNING FATALITY.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

Mrs. L. Stuhlert, a very old resident of Grafton, was engaged washing to-day, when her clothes caught fire. They were burned off her body. She only survived two hours, expiring after gaining admission at the hospital. Her aged husband, who is an invalid, though hearing her screams, was unable to render assistance.

WOMAN GORED BY A COW.

COONAMBLE, Wednesday.

Mrs. Lemaire, an old and respected resident, was bailing up a cow to milk this afternoon, when the cow rushed her and horned her in the throat. The injury proved fatal, death taking place almost instantly.

TREE FALLS ACROSS A BOY.

UPPER COPMANHURST, Wednesday.

A tree fell on the son of Mr. Ewen Cameron. The boy was in a cart across which a tree fell. He is in the care of Dr. Cameron, and is in a critical condition.

DUDLEY MINER KILLED.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

A miner, Thomas Green, 61 years of age, residing at North Lambton, was crushed by a fall of coal at Dudley to-day. His body and one leg were severely injured, and he was brought in to Newcastle Hospital. The unfortunate man died a few hours after admission from shock to the system.

A MINING MISHAP.

A CAGE BREAKS AWAY.

THRILLING ESCAPE OF THE WORKMEN.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

The shift engaged in sinking the main shaft below the 1200ft level, South Kalgurli, had what might be termed a providential escape from an awful death this morning. Shortly after 5 o'clock the cage, which was being employed to haul mullock from the 1200ft level, became jammed near the 700ft level in the ascent to the surface. Following on this a chain attached to the rope on the cage got caught, and the cage thereupon broke away and fell to the 1100ft level, where fortunately for the party the shaft sinkers attending below found a safe resting place on the pent house. The force with which the falling cage struck the pent house, however, caused some of the centre timber below to loosen, and one heavy piece fell to the bottom. In its descent it struck one of the workers, Wm. Lander, inflicting a painful wound on his back, which necessitated his removal to the hospital.

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to say a few words in support of "A Discontented Parent's" letter on the above subject in your issue of 17th inst.

It is perfectly true, and must be apparent to anyone, that this providing of cheap secondary education will only benefit the wealthy and fairly well-to-do, who can afford to keep their children in idleness until they are 18 years of age. As your correspondent states, this educating of the rich man's children will be done at the expense of the poor man, for the latter cannot keep his children in idleness, and he cannot, therefore, avail himself of the privilege, towards the maintenance of which he, nevertheless, has to contribute. What renders the injustice of this recent innovation still more glaring is that no provision has been made for the primary education of the children of isolated families; and, further, all aid is withheld from a semi-isolated man if he has perpetrated the crime of being a land-owner.

As you, Sir, remarked in your leader of July 15, 1905, "the original intention of the Act under which he (the Minister of Public Instruction) and his department work was to provide the means of elementary education to the children of every citizen of the State. That is the State's obligation. Knowledge of the three rudimentary subjects of reading, writing, and arithmetic in its more currently useful forms is every child's birthright, and a necessary part of its equipment to discharge the duties of a citizen." That is the affair in a nutshell. If the department discriminates, as it does in the cases of partially-isolated people, between the apparently poor and the apparently prosperous, granting, under certain conditions, aid for the primary education of the former, and refusing aid for the latter, how much more reason is there that it should abstain from assisting the wealthy to add accomplishments and special subjects to their children's already extensive stock of learning? The Labour party was returned by poor, deluded fools to voice the interests of the working man in the Assembly, but not one of them, although the leader was duly notified of the element of charity which the department has introduced in dealing with outback people, has ever raised his voice against the perpetuation of the scandalous and despotic manner in which the Department of Instruction treats pioneer settlers. We contribute our quota to the taxes, and very considerable sums also to the Lands Department; the rents have to be paid, whether the season be good, bad, or indifferent; we not only make Sydney, but support it; if it were not for the settlers there would be no Sydney; and in face of this, we are denied in the majority of instances the children's birthright. Then, on the top of this gross injustice, we are called on to contribute to the higher education of the wealthy. Isolated and semi-isolated settlers are denied State aid to give their children primary, and in fact, rudimentary education, but they have to contribute to the higher or secondary education of those who have already received the benefits of the primary. (En passant, I would add that I know a person who recently paid income-tax on £5000, and his six boys were educated for 3d a week each.) Unless some powerful journal, like the "Herald," advocates the cause of the country settler in this matter, I fear we shall have to submit to the continuance of various acts of injustice, of which the foregoing is not the least.

I am, etc., A SUBSCRIBER.

Chicago is to have a seven-storied apartment house for the accommodation of motorists. Adjoining each suite of rooms there will be installed, says the "Tribune," an automobile garage, with quarters for chauffeurs. The building will also be provided with lifts of large capacity for the carrying of motor cars.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The programme framed by the Kensington Racing Club for the meeting to be held on Wednesday next is set forth in our business sheets, and those interested should note that entries close with the secretary, Mr. A. Henningham, to-morrow (Friday). The prize money totals £300.

G. Barr, who is expected to return to Victoria in a few weeks' time, had, according to latest reports, ridden 21 winners in South Africa during the few months he has been located there.

Mr. W. Adams will present a racing saddle to the jockey who rides the winner of the Novice Handicap at City Tattersall's races on Saturday next.

The following scratchings were recorded yesterday in connection with City Tattersall's Club's meeting:—Hurdle Race, Colleague; Novice Handicap, Cairngorm.

Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. report having sold the hurdle racer Olynthus (by Corinth) to Dr. Spooner Hart, and the brown horse Vino to Mr. Robert Gray, of Hughenden (Q.).

Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co., as branch managers for the Yorkshire Insurance Company, have effected insurances on the following horses:—Ibex, War God, Tungun, The Master, Mostyn, Maggie Trent, Kitty C., The Laird, FitzGrafton, Airloch, Dea, and the yearling colts by Louis III. from Pirouette, by Grafton from Helen King, by Grafton from Iolanthe, and by the same sire from Equipoise.

DEATH OF A RACEHORSE.

MUDGEE, Wednesday.

Shortly after returning to his stable yesterday from a fast gallop Mr. J. N. Nivison's well-known racing mare Kiddy, by Grafton from Liberty, took ill, and died last night. Kiddy was to have taken part in the M.D.R.C. races to-day, and was also nominated for next week's Bligh Amateur events.

ALBURY RACING CLUB

OPENING DAY.

ALBURY, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Albury Racing Club opened to-day in fine weather. There was a good attendance, and the fields were the largest for many years. Results:—

First Hurdle Race, about 2m.—J. R. Bremner's ch g Coaltar, by Tarcoola—Princess, aged, 10st 5lb (W. Beaten), 1; W. Powell's b or br m Rose Sturt, 6 years, 10st 12lb, 2; E. Curran's br h Allways, 9st, 3. There were seven starters. Betting: 2 to 1 v Coaltar, 3 to 1 v Za Za, 6 to 1 v Decree or Rose Sturt, 10 to 1 others. When approaching the last jump Coaltar ran to the front, and a fine race took place. Rose Sturt came with a late run, but failed to get up, and Coaltar won by three parts of a length, with Allways third, Decree fourth, and Za Za fifth, all close up. Time, 4m 1s. The owner of Za Za was dissatisfied with the mare's running, and asked for an inquiry.

Maiden Plate.—J. Casse's br h Graftelane, by Grafton—Elaine, 2yrs, 7st 5lb (S. D. Fisher), 1; J. S. O'Brien's g g Vanguard, 2yrs, 8st 5lb, 2; T. Paton's b g Manley, 6yrs, 8st 12lb, 3. Twelve started. Betting: 3 to 1 v Explosion and Matsumata, 5 to 1 v Graftelane, 7 to 1 v Octaver and Decider. Graftelane was not seriously troubled, and won decisively by a length and a half. Time, 1m 23½s.

Flying Handicap, 6f.—J. Laffin's ch g Fielder, by Inverness—Cricket, 4yrs, 8st 2lb (C. Moon), 1; D. Watson's b g Ward, 6yrs, 7st 5lb, 2; J. J. McGrath's b m Delona, 6yrs, 7st 9lb, 3. Fifteen ran. Betting: 2 to 1 v Rotorua, 5 to 1 v Fielder or Errata. Errata made the pace, but Fielder came through when the straight was reached, and won by a length. Time, 1m 20s.

Albury Cup, 1m 3f.—P. and W. Mitchell's br g Dyed Garments, by Malvolio—Boara, 4yrs, 7st 7lb (S. D. Fisher), 1; C. Edghill's b m Old Gold, 6yrs, 8st 9lb, 2; J. McLaurin's b g Pierus, 4yrs, 8st 2lb, 3. Other starters: Landscape, 9st 3lb; Barr, 8st 4lb; Fairy Lock, 8st 3lb; Dromana, 8st; Sans Peur, 7st 12lb; Little Coy, 7st 3lb; Ontario, 7st; Rain Cloud, 7st; Jacqueline, 6st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Pierus, 3 to 1 v Fairy Lock, 6 to 1 v Old Gold, 8 to 1 v Dyed Garments. Old Gold led from the start to within a furlong from home, where Dyed Garments came through, and after a great race won by three parts of a length. Jacqueline was fourth and Rain Cloud fifth. Time, 2m 27½s.

Ladies' Bracelet, 7f.—Mrs. J. McLaurin's b m Albolith, by Grafton—Albina, 9st 12lb (Thomas), 1; Mrs. T. B. Waters' Manual, 9st 7lb, 2; Mrs. W. Ball's Zillah, 11st, 3. Thirteen started. Betting: 2 to 1 v Albolith, 6 to 1 v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 38s.

Tabletop Stakes, 6f.—S. D. McKinnon's The Member, by Premier—Moonbeam, 8st 8lb (Clayton), 1; D. Watson's Ward, 7st 8lb, 2; T. A. Woodbridge's Merlin, 7st, 3. Ten started. Betting: Even money on Major Taylor, 5 to 1 v Errata and Lady Melina, 6 to 1 v Merlin. Won by a length. Time, 1m 21s.

MUDGEE DISTRICT RACING CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

MUDGEE, Wednesday.

The autumn meeting of the Mudgee District Racing Club opened to-day, and was favoured with perfect weather. The course was in excellent condition, but the attendance was only moderate. The racing was characterised by the ease with which the various events were won throughout the day. Results:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—J. Niven's St. Cloud, 9st 5lb, 1; E. J. Malone's Arabella, 8st 5lb, 2; J. M'Master's Drastic, 8st 10lb, 3. Other starters: Qyota and Alteration. Won easily. Time, 1m 17s.

Farmers' Handicap, 6f.—H. M. Cox's Orator, 6st 12lb, 1; C. Bryant's Project, 8st 5lb, 2; S. N. Reddiford's Sedgebird, 8st 4lb, 3. Nine other starters. Time, 1m 17 1-5s.

Mudgee District Race Club Handicap, 1¼m.—A. W. Whitney's Superbus, 9st 2lb, 1; J. Gossage's Trylie, 9st 5lb, 2; A. M. Cox's Dulcinea, 7st 6lb, 3. Other starters: Acetylene, 8st 5lb; Muscatel, 7st 4lb. From the rise of the barrier Superbus jumped to the front, and was never troubled throughout the race, winning with ridiculous ease by several lengths, a good finish taking place for second position. Time, 2m 13 3-5s.

Havilah Stakes, 6f.—H. M. Cox's Orator, 6st 12lb, 1; J. Henshalls Ruenella, 8st 2lb, 2; Chapman's Chance, 8st 7lb, 3. Four others started. Orator won as he liked from start to finish. Time, 1m 17 4-5s.

Pine Ridge Handicap, 6f.—C. Bryant's Project, 8st 2lb, 1; E. Walker's Trevette, 8st, 2; J. Fitzpatrick's Tryallion, 8st 2lb, 3. Three others started. Won by several lengths. Time, 1m 17 2-5s.

Biraganbil Handicap.—S. N. Readford's Sedgebird, 8st 2lb, 1; J. Birtle's Partridge, 6st 12lb, 2; M. Piper's Musketoon, 8st 8lb, 3. Only three starters. This was the best contested race of the day, as well as fastest. Time, 1m 16½s.

ASCOT PONY RACES.

Following are the results of yesterday's meeting at Ascot:—

Maiden Handicap, 4f.—Cordite, 8st 2lb (H. Russell), 1; Mack, 7st 11lb (Cartwright), 2; Chatston, 7st 1lb (Hannabel), 3. Other starters: Juvenile, Mona, Lily, Ophir Lass, Parmeress, The Rush, Freda, Monks Hood, Sportman, Find Out, Explosion. Betting: 5 to 4 v Cordite, 4 to 1 v Mack, 6 to 1 v Parmeress, 6 to 1 v Sportsman, 10 to 1 v others. Won by three lengths. Time, 52s.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 4½f.—Little Fellow, 7st 5lb (J. E. Byrne), 1; Piccaninny, 8st 11lb (Killow), 2; Miss Moorefield, 8st 8lb (Murphy), 3. Other starters: Amanda, Arlene, Siege Gun, The Wasp, Lady Morton, Ayr Lassie, Little Dot, Orange Bud. Betting: 6 to 4 on Miss Moorefield, 3 to 1 v Little Fellow, 7 to 1 v Amanda, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 58½s.

Thirteen-two Handicap, 4½f.—Jack, 7st (Killorn), 1; Isia, 7st 11lb (Murphy), 2; Silver Grace, 7st 8lb (Dove), 3. Other starters: Beauty, Beaulight. Betting: Even money on Beaulight, 3 to 1 v Isia, 5 to 1 v Silver Grace, 6 to 1 v Jack and Beauty. Won by one and a quarter length. Time, 1m 1¼s.

Fourteen Hands Handicap, 4½f.—Sygnet, 10st 8lb (Killorn), 1; Miss Chetwynd, 7st 5lb (Hannabel), 2; Maud, 10st 4lb (Merritt), 3. Other starters: Bay Nell, Game Lass, Ruby S., Grafton Boy. Betting: 6 to 4 on Sygnet, 3 to 1 v Ruby S., 5 to 1 v Bay Nell, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a neck. Time, 56½s.

Ascot Handicap, 5½f.—Theresa, 7st 7lb (Killorn), 1; Starling, 8st 11lb (Merritt), 2; Report, 7st 8lb (Cooper), 3. Other starters: Peeress, Lady Bird, Miss Invader. Betting: 6 to 4 v Theresa, 2 to 1 v Starling, 4 to 1 v Lady Bird, 5 to 1 v Report, 7 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 1m 9¾s.

All Weights Handicap, 4½f.—Will Manton, 8st 8lb (Cartwright), 1; The Ace, 7st 4lb (Byrne), 2; Heather Flower, 8st (Castles), 3. Other starters: Kola, Plain Bill, Grafter, Sweetheart, Yelsacam, Corrie, Le Var, Beda, Mute. Betting: 2 to 1 v The Grafter, 3 to 1 v Will Manton, 4 to 1 v Heather Flower, 6 to 1 v Sweetheart, 7 to 1 v The Ace, 8 to 1 v Kola, 10 to 1 v others. Won by two lengths. Time, 54s.

KENSINGTON RACES.

A meeting was held at Kensington yesterday, with the following results:—

Fifteen Hands Handicap, 4½f.—Native Cat, 7st 6lb, Projectile—Whisper (J. Keogh), 1; Clinker, 7st 2lb (W. Jaques), 2; Freedom, 7st 6lb (V. Fletcher), 3. Other starters: Minion, Afternoon, Bliss, Reliance, Miss Kingsley, Metallist, Bernice, Lancaster. Betting: 5 to 4 v Minion, 3 to 1 v Native Cat, 6 to 1 v Freedom, 10 to 1 v others. Won by half a head. Time, 57¼s.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 4½f.—Coin II., 8st 4lb, Zariff—Kathleen (A. Calliman), 1; Mora, 8st (M. Connell), 2; Encourage, 7st 10lb (E. Julius), 3. Other starters: Clarionette, Blarneyette, The Shanty Belle, Wee Bill, Kelpie, Nellie G., Hortense. Betting: 5 to 4 on Coin II., 7 to 2 v Mora, 6 to 1 v Encourage. Won by half a neck. Time, 1m.

Novice Handicap, 5f.—Quickness, 7st 9lb, Beauchamp (imp.)—Haste (J. Keogh), 1; Edie, 9st (S. M'Donald), 2; The Flat, 7st 9lb (E. Julius), 3. Other starters: Coree, Nimble, Barb, Funny, Florence, Nancy, Reviver, Rustenberg, King Edward, Horrocks. Betting: 2 to 1 v Coree, 5 to 2 v Quickness, 4 to 1 v The Flat. Won by two and a-half lengths. Time, 1m 5⅖s.

Fourteen Hands Handicap, 5f.—Repose, 8st 7lb, Beauchamp (imp.)—Bon Ami (J. Keogh), 1; The Snail, 7st 11lb (V. Fletcher), 2; Merrie Minnie, 7st 2lb (G. Anderson), 3. Other starters: Mab, Linda, Arba, Ringtail. Betting: Even money on Repose, 4 to 1 v The Snail, 6 to 1 v Linda and Mab. Won by a head. Time, 1m 7s.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 5f.—Folly, 8st 10lb, Ennistymon—Kingsborough mare (F. Fielder), 1; Miss Havoc, 7st 10lb (V. Fletcher), 2; Mulpera, 7st 10lb (H. Mulligan), 3. Other starters: Pearl Bean, Stranger. Betting: 3 to 1 v Folly and Stranger, 4 to 1 v others. Won by one and a-half lengths. Time, 1m 7s.

Kensington Handicap, 1m.—Aurunia, 7st 8lb, Beauchamp (imp.)—Buenalf mare (J. Keogh), 1; Matador, 7st 2lb (V. Fletcher), 2; Smart, 7st 10lb (E. Julius), 3. Other starters: Lady Loch, Sparrow, Pegar, Kildare, Jessie, Agnes, Federation, Rosalind, Phyllis, Terrible. Betting: 5 to 1 v Smart and Matador, 6 to 1 v Aurania, Sparrow, and Lady Loch, 10 to 1 v Pegar. Won by a neck. Time, 1m 46s.

KYOGLE JOCKEY CLUB.

KYOGLE, Wednesday.

The Kyogle Jockey Club held a meeting to-day. Results:—

Opening Handicap.—True Girl, 1; St. Ellem, 2; Trick, 3.

Trial Handicap.—Archie, 1; Levena, 2; Circassian, 3.

Kyogle Handicap.—St. Ellem, 1; True Girl, 2; Trick, 3.

Selling Race.—Florence, 1; Barney Wise, 2; Morning Star, 3.

Welter Handicap.—Reflection, 1; Question, 2; Evening Light, 3.

Farewell Handicap.—Freeboy, 1; Marksman, 2; Stilts, 3.

SCONE JOCKEY CLUB.

SCONE, Wednesday.

The annual race meeting of the above club was concluded to-day, with the following results:—

Flying Handicap.—Clarissima, 1; Sea Hawk, 2; Croxdale, 3. Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1m 17¼s.

Members' Purse.—Brazo Bob, *; Mount Alma, *; Brilliant Light, 3. The owners divided the prizes. Time, 1m 20½s.

Jockey Club Handicap.—Valnaut, 1; Strubo, 2; Lelamina, 3. Won by a length and a half. Time, 1m 57s.

Flying Welter.—Sea Hawk, 1; May, 2; Dipsas, 3. Won easily by a length and a half. Time, 1m 18s.

Final Handicap.—Mount Alma, 1; Brazo Bob, 2; Olivia, 3. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 17½s.

MACQUARIE PICNIC RACES.

DUBBO, Wednesday.—The second day's racing of the Macquarie Picnic Race Club was held to-day in fine weather conditions. There was a goodly number of spectators. Appended are the results:—

Murrumbidgerie Handicap.—Camera, 1; Good Boy, 2; Lady Perouse, 3.

Budgery Handicap.—Amelia, 1; Baldwin, 2; Project, 3.

Ladies' Bracelet.—Pierrot, 1; La Reena, 2; Bright, 3.

Grasscutters' Bracelet.—Step In, 1; Amelia, 2; Baldwin, 3.

Geraldine Handicap.—Camera, 1; Billy Mac, 2; Good Boy, 3.

Consolation Stakes.—Bright, 1; Lady Perouse, 2; Simple Simon, 3.

The annual Race Club ball, which was held in the show pavilion last night, was largely attended.

BLIGH AMATEUR RACES.

The nominations for the Bligh amateur races on May 1 and 2 closed as under:—

FIRST DAY.

Trial Stakes, 1m.—Capertee, 11st 8lb; Superbus, 11st 8lb; India, 11st 8lb; Master, 11st 8lb; Clarion, 11st 4lb; Loch Hilda, 11st; Orator, 11st; Ruenella, 11st; Mr. Boffin, 9st 10lb.

Lue Stakes, 7f.—Chiefswood, 11st 8lb; Flawless, 11st 8lb; Dulcinea, 11st 8lb; India, 11st 8lb; Swanson, 11st 8lb; Master, 11st 8lb; May Queen (late Queenie), 11st 8lb; Mangaleer, 11st 4lb; Costigan, 11st 4lb; Clarion, 11st 4lb; Ruenella, 11st; Afton Water, 11st.

B.A.R.C. Cup, 1¼m.—Drastic, 11st 8lb; Acetylene, 11st 8lb; Capertee, 11st 8lb; Aurated, 11st 8lb; Superbus, 11st 8lb; Kiddy, 11st 4lb; Mangaleer, 11st 4lb.

The Shorts, 6f.—Drastic, 11st 8lb; Acetylene, 11st 8lb; Capertee, 11st 8lb; Chiefswood, 11st 8lb; Flawless, 11st 8lb; Query, 11st 8lb; Swanson, 11st 8lb; Master, 11st 8lb; Mangaleer, 11st 4lb; Alteration, 11st 4lb; Loch Hilda, 11st; Afton Water, 11st; Djerred, 11st; Mother-o'-Pearl, 11st; Orator, 11st.

Morven Handicap, 1m.—Afton Water, Chiefswood, Mangaleer, Aurated, Dulcinea, Costigan, Ruenella, Clarion, India, Swanson, Master, May Queen (late Queenie).

Ladies' Trophy, 1m.—Drastic, Acetylene, Capertee, Mangaleer, Aurated, Alteration, Kiddy, Djerred, Mother-o'-Pearl, Mr. Boffin, Superbus, Query, Costigan, Swanson, May Queen (late Queenie).

SECOND DAY.

Burrundulla Handicap, 6f.—Afton Water, Chiefswood, Flawless, Orator, Costigan, Ruenella, Clarion, India, Swanson, Master, May Queen (late Queenie).

Ladies' Bracelet, 1m.—Loch Hilda, Drastic, Acetylene, Capertee, Mangaleer, Aurated, Alteration, Kiddy, Djerred, Mother-o'-Pearl, Mr. Boffin, Dulcinea, Superbus, Query, Ruenella, Swanson, Master.

Havilah Handicap, 6f.—Loch Hilda, Drastic, Afton Water, Capertee, Chiefswood, Flawless, Alteration, Kiddy, Djerred, Mother-o'-Pearl, Mr. Boffin, Orator, Superbus, Ruenella, Clarion, India, Swanson, May Queen (late Queenie).

Welter Handicap, 1¼m.—Drastic, Acetylene, Capertee, Mangaleer, Aurated, Alteration, Kiddy, Mr. Boffin, Dulcinea, Costigan.

Rawden Handicap, 1 m.—Chiefswood, Mangaller, Aurated, Dulcinea, Costigan, Ruenella, Clarion, India, Swanson, Master, May Queen (late Queenie).

Guntawang Handicap, 6f.—Loch Hilda, Drastic, Afton Water, Capertee, Flawless, Mangaleer, Aurated, Alteration, Kiddy, Djerred, Mother-o'-Pearl, Mr. Boffin, Orator, Superbus, Query, Ruenella, Clarion, India, Swanson, Master, May Queen (late Queenie).

LISMORE RACES.

LISMORE, Tuesday.

The following are the weights for the races on May 2:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—Joan, 9st 5lb; Lord Roberts, 9st; Sweet Nell, 8st 11lb; Nashua, 8st 11lb; Koran, 8st 7lb; Trick, 8st 5lb; Keerrong, 8st 4lb; Bunalbo, 8st 3lb; Skellum, 8st 2lb; True Girl, 8st 1lb; Armlet, 7st 13lb; Foreman, 7st 12lb; Crusheen, 7st 11lb; Uella, 7st 8lb; Almed, 7st; Richmond, 6st 13lb; Freeboy, 6st 7lb; Juno, 6st 7lb.

May Handicap, 9f.—Game Girl, 9st 5lb; Joan, 9st 3lb; Lord Roberts, 8st 13lb; Sweet Nell, 8st 9lb; Keerrong, 8st 6lb; Koran, 8st 5lb; Trick, 8st 3lb; Bunalbo, 8st; Crusheen, 7st 13lb; Once Again, 7st 11lb; Skellum, 7st 11lb; Armlet, 7st 10lb; True Girl, 7st 10lb; Foreman, 7st 9lb; Stilts, 7st 8lb; Uella, 7st 6lb; Volcano, 7st; Richmond, 6st 13lb; Juno, 6st 7lb; Fenton, 6st 7lb; Freeboy, 6st 7lb.

COURSING.

DERBY AND OAKS MEETING.

The following is the draw for the New South Wales Coursing Association's events which will be decided at Rooty Hill to-day and to-morrow.

N.S.W. DERBY, for 32 dog puppies at £2 2s each; winner £30, runner-up £15; two dogs £8 each, four dogs £2 10s each; paid pro rata.

Gold Coast v Dusty Lad.
Dreadnought v Kibola.
Dandy Jack v Duty Bound.
Smith O'Brien v Eumanbah.
Duke v Bulwark.
Bold Prince v Vulcan.
Killfawn v Daily Sport.
Trial Bay v Kirkham.
Scottish Chief v Independent Jack.
Gabe Mc. v Royal Arthur.
Watgoot, a bye.

NEW SOUTH WALES OAKS, for 32 bitch puppies, at £2 2s each; winner, £30, runner-up, £15; two bitches, £5 each, four bitches, £2 10s each; paid pro rata.

Kilmarnock v Leeway.
Rosy Time v Blue Gown.
Rosy v Lady Killer.
Blue Laurel v La Duchess.
Balmy Breeze v Ivy Booth.
Skeemer v Kilmena.
Free Fight v Clematis.
Gold Bangle v Benummbra.
Banshy v Wend-Your-Way.
Miss Raeburn v Moss Bud.
Daisy Bank, a bye.

WOODSTOCK STAKES, for 32 all ages at £1 1s, with £5 5s added; winner £15 and £5 5s added, runner-up £7 10s; two dogs at £3 each, four dogs at £1 5s each; paid pro rata.

Cheetah v Braggadocio.
Tartask v Red Coat.
Le Bloc v Lignolliene.
Loiterer v Bush Mills.
Fortune's Favourite v Seahorse.
Society Law v Beeating.
Bristol Boy v King's Counsel.
Dublin Jack, a bye.

At the reading of the card last night the closing prices (straight out) were:—Derby, Daily Sport, 5 to 1 (backed altogether for 98 to 17), Dreadnought, 7 to 1 (wagers amounting to 71 to 10 were laid); Dusty Lad, 15 to 1. Oaks: Clematis, 10 to 1. Woodstock Stakes: Braggadocio was a firm favourite, and wagers of 20 to 20 and 15 to 10 were made; 15 to 6 was laid about Eumanbah in the course with Smith O'Brien in the Derby, and 2 to 1 about Gold Bangle beating Benummbra in the Oaks.

GOLF.

AUSTRALIAN CLUB.

Mixed foursomes will be played at Kensington on Saturday. Competitors will arrange time for starting. The draw is as follows:—

Mr. and Mrs. Langer Owen, 11, v Miss Egan and A. J. McLachlan, 10.

Miss Trevor-Jones and W. Gordon Dixon, 3, v Miss Nea Mort and N. F. Christie, 5.

Miss Wray and E. L. Rutledge, 16, v Mrs. Thiel and C. H. Caswell, 12.

Miss M. Cooke and C. T. Metcalfe, 8, v Mrs. and Mr. Percy Allan, 18.

Miss C. Trevor-Jones and Dr. Barrington, 12, v Mrs. Pring and Dr. Kirkland, 12.

Mrs. Aitken and A. E. D'Arcy, scr., v Mrs. G. E. Fairfax and Dr. R. F. Reading, 6.

Mrs. Braddon and F. J. Ewens, 10, v Mrs. Lethbridge and C. T. Mackenzie, 8.

Mrs. C. I. Metcalfe and J. S. Allen, 22, v Miss Mansfield and D. S. K. Miller, 20.

Mrs. and Dr. Sinclair-Gillies, 25, v Miss Murray and Dr. Brady, 15.

Mrs. Furber and J. Currie Elles, 25, v Mrs. and Mr. J. H. Bettington, 11.

Mrs. Cearns and F. Aronson, 15, v Miss Royle and Dr. H. H. Marshall, 13.

Mrs. Wynn Roberts and C. G. Hodgson, 22, v Mrs. F. W. Hill and F. W. Walker, 23.

Miss Kiss and W. L. Docker, 23, v Miss Ida Robertson and Thomas Smith, 13.

Miss Aronson and J. S. Richardson, 26, v Mrs. Ashdown and Wm. Tilley, 10.

ROYAL PLAYERS.

King Edward, when at Biarritz, was a frequent visitor to the golf links. Although his Majesty does not himself play (says the "Evening Standard") he appreciates the fascination of the royal and ancient game, and encourages it. Since his accession the links at Balmoral, Windsor, and Sandringham have all been immensely improved by his Majesty's express orders. Queen Alexandra, though sometimes said to be a golfer, does not play at all. Her daughters, the Princess Royal and Princess Victoria, are, however, both fond of golf, especially the latter, who plays a fair game. The young Princesses Alexandra and Maud, the Princess Royal's daughters, are also promising players. So, too, are the little Princes Edward and Albert of Wales and their sister, Princess Mary. The Duchess of Connaught is a really good player, steady and accurate; while her daughters, Princess Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden and Princess Patricia, are both good players. They were all familiar figures on Irish links during their sojourn in the Emerald Isle. The Duke of Connaught and Prince Arthur play a very little. Princess Ena, the future Queen of Spain, does not appear to have ever devoted herself seriously to the game, though it was expected she would do so at Biarritz, as she and her brother, Prince Alexander of Battenberg, joined the golf club there with that intention.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

TRAINING FOR THE ROAD RACES.

The recent fine weather has enabled local amateur and professional racing men to indulge in plenty of long distance training. As this year's races promoted by both bodies is far in excess of what has been offered in previous years, the eagerness shown by scorchers to get into form for the coming events is more pronounced than ever. Each morning and evening bunches of riders put in some good work round the Centennial Park and on the various roads, in view of the big Bathurst to Sydney and Goulburn to Sydney contests. As there is certain to be a big country entry for both events, the local men must get into their best fettle if the valuable prizes for the competitions are to be won by city riders.

While the professional riders are busy over their training, the amateurs are equally alive to the fact that perfection in form means everything nowadays, when competitions are so keenly contested. In view of the large number of club events promoted by the Cyclists Union, the majority of the local clubs have been very energetic of late. Quite a large number of members have been getting into form during the past few weeks on the Parramatta-road, and as the interclub premierships are soon to be decided the rivalry between the various cracks is most marked. Altogether between the professional and amateur bodies, it is computed that close on 60 or 70 events will be run during the next three months.

NEW TYPE OF MOTOR CYCLE FRAME.

One of the new departures in motor cycle construction which has been brought out this year has been adopted by some American makers. In a word, it embodies the fuel tanks within the structure of the frame itself, and, outside the question of furnishing, a more compact arrangement of those parts than is otherwise possible provides a more rigid bracing than is obtained in the ordinary plain tubular frame. Both the head and seat mast and hanger are made of a special design of steel, and are machined in such a way as to permit a length of steel tube to be fitted over them to complete the truss. The tube being 4½in in diameter, not only furnishes a most effective strengthening to the frame, but, at the same time, admits the use of its interior for the storage of the fuel. The interior is copper plated, and is separated into two compartments by means of a bulkhead, which is brazed securely in place. The forward and larger compartment of these is used for the petrol, of which a sufficient supply for 100 miles can be carried, while the other is utilised for the carriage of lubricating oil. In the bottom of each tank is placed a filter for separating foreign matter from the contents as they are fed to the motor, while the regulating of the flow is done entirely from the upper side, where a couple of screws serve the purpose to advantage. These knobs, which are located within easy reach of the rider without necessitating his altering his riding position, control the opening of a pair of needle valves at their lower extremity, thus furnishing a neat method of regulating the feeds to a nicety. Caps with 1½in openings are placed in the top of the tanks, so that their replenishment becomes an easy and simple matter. The idea of using the interior of the frame for carrying purposes dates back to the early days of the bicycle, when, at one time and another, numerous suggestions were made, and more than one model built in which the skeleton was made to serve a doubly useful purpose. But, unfortunately for their inventors, in every case the result was unspeakably crude and clumsy, and the inventions—as they were wont to be called—died an untimely death. In this case, however, the idea has been dealt with in a far more workmanlike manner, and instead of resulting in a cumbersome model the result is a striking improvement in the appearance of the machine. A notable fact in connection with the design, and one which cannot fail to appeal to the average rider, is that the frame has been lowered measurably by the change, whereby the apparent stanchness and stability of the machine are proportionately increased.

INNER TUBE FOR MOTOR CYCLES.

Inner tubes in bicycle and automobile tyres, as a rule, are endless, and that is altogether the best construction where the tyre cover is easily removed, and the inner tube may be taken out and replaced without too much work. In the case of the motor cycle, however, conditions are radically different. The removal of the inner tube, if it be endless, means the taking down of a large part of the machine, and to one who uses a motor cycle that is far from being a pleasant prospect. The Hanover-Gummi-Kamm Company, of Germany, have overcome this by a simple and ingenious patented inner tube. This is practically a ball and socket fastening, made of rubber, one closed end of the tube being moulded to fit exactly into the recessed other end, and being stretched into position. The union is wonderfully good, and the fitting so exact that there is no wear at all, and, indeed, one would hardly know that the junction is there. Of course, the air goes clear to the pointed end, filling the socket, so that there is no possibility of lapping or puncture. With this device an inner tube can be replaced on a motor cycle in a very few minutes.

THE RACE FOR THE GOLD CUP.

The motor car race for the Italian event known as the Gold Cup, and promoted by the Milan Automobile Club, bids fair to be almost as important as the contest for the "European Circuit." The distance of the trial is quite as great as any tourist may well wish for, including a test over 4000 kilometres of give-and-take roads. The aggregate value of the prizes reaches £5000. The promoters have wisely come to the conclusion that an effort which entails such huge expense on the competitors should get some substantial recognition, so that the winner will be awarded, besides the cup, valued at 20,000 francs, another 25,000 francs in cash. The prizes, moreover, are not only big, but numerous. Together with the official prizes, there are some "town" prizes, offered by the towns on the traversed ground. Then there are all the "makers'" prizes, the Mechelin prize, the Darracq and Samson prize, etc., most of which reach a very respectable figure.

The list of entries for the race include all the firms of any standing, such as the Fiat, Itala, Isotta, Florentina, Züst, etc. Besides these entries some Napiers, Oldsmobiles, and other makes have sent in nominations, and as the race does not take place until the next month it is probable that most of the big makers will have agreed to start their vehicles. As the contest lasts from May 15 to May 25 a royal battle between the various competing machines is likely to ensue.

The enormous strides made of late by Italian makers have aroused the world's admiration. The Fiat is an entirely Italian production, and embodying as it does all the best points of the world's famous models, is recognised everywhere to be about one of the finest finished and designed motor cars to-day.

FRENCH AUTOMOBILE PROGRESS.

Much has been said and written in reference to the great advancement made recently in the British motor trade, and the falling off in the French productions. While the British turn-out may be, as Mr. Edge states, far in advance of all previous years, there is no gainsaying the fact that French makers have also made enormous strides in the industry in the last twelve months. Nothing will impress such a vivid idea of this on the mind as the particulars recently published a month ago by a Parisian journal. In the statistics given it is shown clearly that instead of a falling off in the motor trade in France enormous strides have been made every year in the export department. In fact, the figures show that the trade done yearly in motor engines and cars is about one of France's best national industries. Taking the statistics for 10 years back, the increase each year will be found to be far ahead of that of any other trade in recent times. In 1897, 623,000 francs covered the total exports of France. In 1898 this amount had reached 1,749,280 francs, while in 1899 the total was 4,259,330 francs, and in 1900 9,417,000 francs. From 1901 up to 1906 the increase each year was almost double the preceding 12 months, as the following figures will show:—1901, 15,792,000 francs; 1902, 30,231,000 francs; 1903, 50,837,000 francs; 1904, 71,035,000 francs; and last year, 100,265,000 francs. These figures speak for themselves, and disprove altogether the statement about the French motor industry taking a backward turn.

BATHURST CYCLE CLUB.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The Bathurst Cycle Club held sports to-day on the Association Ground. Results:—

Maiden Handicap, 1m.—A. Clark, 15yds, 1; J. Hammond, scratch, 2; A. Bell, 40yds, 3. Won by a length. Time, 2m 46 3-5s.

One Mile Open Handicap.—A. Clark, 45yds, 1; P. Downey, 60yds, 2; J. Clark, 15yds, 3. Time, 2m 40s.

Half-mile Handicap.—F. James, 35yds, 1; W. Russell, 25yds, 2; J. Kershaw, 25yds, 3. Time, 1m 13 3-5s.

Snowdrop Handicap, ½m.—E. Kirkham, 1; C. W. Rivett, 2. Time, 2m 22s.

Club Championship, 1m.—J. Clark, 1; J. Kershaw, 2. Won by half a length. Time, 3m 1 4-5s.

CRICKET.

CITY AND SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION.

The Glenwood C.C. sent a team to Goulburn to oppose a district team selected by Mr. Shepherd and play the initial match on a new turf wicket on the Kenmore oval. The visitors speak highly of the wicket. N. I. Blue captured his one-hundredth wicket for the season. Glenwood made 417 for seven wickets (W. Bull retired 100, H. Cooper 93, W. Watson 87, A. Slocombe 54); and Mr. Shepherd's team, 150 and 314 (Cooper 105), v Kenmore, 91.

Ranjitsinhji was expected to return to England to-day (April 26) and will again play for Sussex.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The Queensland Cricket Association has decided to accept Mr. Trumper's terms of 50 per cent. for a match on May 26 and 28. Previously the association offered Mr. Trumper 40 per cent., but no conclusion was arrived at.

FOOTBALL.

REFEREES OF TO-DAY.

Mr. A. R. H. Brown makes the following comments in the London "Sportsman":—"I should like to get together all the referees in England, arrange them in batches of 22, and set them to play football solidly every day for a month. Now, I hope that no one will think from this proposal that I am about to revile that most necessary official. I am going to do nothing of the sort. On the contrary, I admire the members of his profession wholeheartedly. Their coolness and accuracy at critical moments, their usual scrupulous fairness, their knowledge of the laws of the game, their patient martyrdom beneath the gibes of the crowd are all qualities which must prove their worth even to the most sceptical. The task which they undertake is the most thankless in the world—it is worse than coxing a losing crew or trying to make peace between man and wife, it is almost as responsible as the work of a judge, it is not seldom as dangerous as stopping a dog-fight. And yet hundreds of men are found to undertake the work gladly, and, on the whole, they do it well, but—and it is a big, big but—it does not seem to me that referees are in what I may call playing sympathy with those whom they govern. They are, in fact, walking encyclopaedias of hard, cold, matter-of-fact laws, which they read too much by the letter, and too little by the spirit. Chiefly, I think, they err in the matter of fouls, offsides, and hands. Now, when one player fouls another the free kick given is meant to benefit the injured party and not the offender. In some cases the direct opposite to this happens, which fact a concrete instance will render more clear. Playing a few weeks back in a match of some importance, I managed to trick the back opposing me and get past him. As I did so he shot out an evilly-disposed leg which I only avoided with a stumble, but still I did avoid it, and got going again at once. The referee awarded a foul. I did not hear the whistle immediately, and when I did realise what had taken place I was actually within a dozen yards of the enemy's goal-line, ready to centre, and with absolutely nobody there to stop me. Instead, back the ball had to go almost to half-way, and then, with the opposing team all nicely back in their places, my side was awarded their free kick. Such experiences as this are by no means rare, but their frequency does not prevent them from exasperating. It is quite in the referee's power to get out of the difficulty by a keen appreciation of the spirit of the rule such as the player himself would feel. On the occasion of the foul he should wait and see its result, and if the offended party extricates himself unharmed and is at an advantageous position he should not rob him of it. He has no business to turn what should be an actual reward into a down-right punishment. Again, it cannot be said that the amended rule as regards 'hands' is a success in the way it is usually interpreted. It is not easy to judge always whether an infringement is intentional or not, the working of the mind is not sufficiently faithfully photographed on the actions of the body. But there is one interpretation of the rule which meets all cases fairly and squarely for all parties concerned, and that is this: 'Whenever a player gains any material advantage by the use of his hands penalise him without hesitation, otherwise do not.' Such a maxim gets the referee out of all difficulties; firstly, because football is for the feet and not for the hands, and, secondly, because when a player gains an advantage by the use of his hands it is justice—based on a knowledge of human nature—to suppose that he acted purposely. The modern referee's method of reading the offside law is turning the game into a tin-whistle orchestra. Formerly they were content only to penalise their man when he tried to play the ball or interfered with an opponent when in an offside position. Now, all this is changed, and if a player happens to be in an offside position and yet does not raise a finger or a toe towards resuming the game, the referee is not satisfied until he has awarded a free kick. Such action is neither law nor common sense. A player can be offside as much and as often as he likes, provided that he makes no attempt to take part in the game when so situated, and providing also he remembers that he cannot be onside till one of the opposing team has played the ball. An offside, but absolutely inactive, player is not obstruction to the opposing team, and the laws of the game allow him to rectify his mistake providing he does not in the meantime try and take any advantage therefrom. The growing complaint amongst footballers of to-day is that such football as we get between the whistle blasts is not enough. Such a situation is not the fault of the laws, but of those who dispense them. Referees should take this to heart, and be a little more human. They should act only and in exactly the same way as they would like others to act if they themselves were players instead of judges of the play."

Mr. A. Newsome, who died in March, was one of the most famous Rugby players that Yorkshire ever produced. Deceased (says the "Sportsman") was the finest three-quarter player of his day, and, known as the man in white, he frequently assisted his county and took part in North and South matches. He was captain of the Dewsbury Club when it won the Yorkshire Cup in 1881.

The council of the South African Association has accepted an invitation to send a Soccer team to the Argentine. The South Africans will play matches there in June and July.

The receipts (£800) at the Wales v England match at Cardiff on March 19 were a record for Association football in Wales. England won by one goal to nil. The attendance was 15,000.

Scotland beat Ireland by one goal to nil in the International Association match at Dublin last month.

International football has caught on in France (says a correspondent of the "Sportsman"), much to the surprise of those who some quarter of a century ago watched "young France" in the Bois de Boulogne indulging in the somewhat feeble game of "ballon." Since then great strides have been made in athletics, and the Frenchmen have proved that they are worthy of consideration. Sufficient proof of this is to be found in the fact of the visit of a really good team from England, representing the men who played against Scotland. Although the Frenchmen were not able to boast of a victory beforehand, their play when pitted against the New Zealanders showed that progress had been made, and that it was not presumption on their part to meet the representatives of a country which holds pride of place as far as games and sports are concerned. The match England v France was played at the Velodrome, just outside Paris, on March 22. The weather was bitterly cold, and a biting easterly wind had caused the ground to be very hard. There was an excited crowd present, the official return giving the figures as 500, a record for a match in Paris. The receipts amounted to £275. England won by four goals, five tries (35 points), to one goal, one try (8 points).

BOWLS.

VICTORIANS AT ASHFIELD.

ASHFIELD DEFEATS ARMADALE.

The Armadale (Victoria) players paid a visit to Ashfield yesterday and engaged the local bowlers. The visitors were cordially welcomed by Mr. E. Richards (president of the Ashfield Club) and the members and were hospitably entertained during the afternoon. The Victorian team included several of the representative interstate bowlers, as well as others who on former occasions have represented the southern State here. Keen play resulted from the meeting of the two clubs. Ashfield placed four strong rinks against the opposing combination, and they made a very good showing by winning in two rinks, tying in one, and winning on the totals by nine points. The fours captained by Mr. Moses and Mr. Waxman had a great tussle. Both captains are admirable drivers and great enthusiasts, and they were well backed up by their men. Mr. Sheather and Mr. Bentley also had an exciting game. The green was in fine condition, a trifle fast, but drawing well on either hand. The scores and players were as follows:—

	Ash.	Arm.
Swan, Richards, J. C. Harrison, Davies	30	—
Warren, Tricks, Lucas, P. McDonald	—	19
Day, Noakes, Blundell, J. Harrison	18	—
Radcliffe, Jacobs, Stevens, J. M'Donald	—	19
McDonald, Robertson, Laurence, Moses	23	—
Forbes, Aitken, Stewart, Waxman	—	18
Garden, Watson, Schofield, Sheather	24	—
Goldman, Campbell, Lennie, Bentley	—	26
Totals	95	86

ARMADALE v WAVERLEY.

The Victorian team is to engage the Waverley Club at Waverley to-day.

ARMADALE (Victoria) v PETERSHAM.

The members of the Armadale (Vic.) Club, with their wives and lady friends, now visiting Sydney and playing a series of matches with suburban clubs, will be visitors at Petersham on Friday afternoon. The following four rinks will represent Petersham:—F. Read, Cann, Atkinson, and Briton; Cropper, J. Searl, Wylie, and Carrie; Litchfield, G. Rogers, Lane, and Law; Thomson, Cooper, Morgan, and Strong.

On the same afternoon four Victorian lady players will meet four Ashfield lady players on the Petersham green. The visitors will be welcomed by the president (Mr. Wm. Law), who, with Mrs. Law, will entertain a large company at afternoon tea. The players selected to play are kindly requested to be on the green at 2 p.m., as an early start is desired.

LAWN TENNIS.

UNIVERSITY CLUB TOURNAMENT.

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S PLAY.

Singles Handicap.—Watson beat Slack, 6-2, 6-4; Barton beat Frew, 6-2, 6-3; Howartson beat Peckley, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; Adams beat Roger, 6-0, 6-5; Athe beat Weedon, 6-2, 6-4; Holmes & Court beat Lane, 6-2, 6-2; Roe beat Niall, 6-4, 5-6, 6-4; Deakin beat Mills; Rogers beat Butler, 5-6, 6-2, 6-1; R. G. Smith beat Love, w.o.

Singles Championship.—Tebbutt beat Arnold, 6-2, 6-3; Watson beat Whiting, 6-3, 6-3; Pitt beat Walker, 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles Handicap.—Powell-Minter beat Pitt-Whiting, 6-5, 4-6, 6-5; Gibson-Terry beat Mills-Norris.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.—Rose-Miss Davis beat Whiting and Miss Smyth, 6-5, 5-6, 6-5.

There will be no play to-day.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

The final of the mixed doubles, which was unfinished at the Goulburn Lawn Tennis Club's annual tournament, has been won by Mr. Dunlop and Miss Macdrell, who beat Mr. Sheafe and Miss Rankin, 6-4, 6-6.

ROWING.

GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

CHAMPION FOURS.

The thirteenth annual champion fours race of the Great Public Schools' Athletic Association took place yesterday on the Parramatta River. The steamers Lady Manning and Lady Napier carried a large number of schoolboys, and on the Lady Northcote were many visitors, including the Rev. S. S. Tovey, Revs. D. Davies, Hon. R. J. Black, Dr. M'Kinnon, and Messrs. J. J. Calvert, G. P. Barbour, H. Marks, A. D. Hall, C. Wilcox, W. Dodds, J. G. Mackay, F. A. Smith, F. B. Heron, and C. T. Best.

The Church of England School won the schools championship very cleverly, and St. Ignatius also shaped well. In the second crews' race St. Ignatius won a magnificent contest.

The crews were as follow:—

Sydney Church of England Grammar School (G. P. Edwards 10st 12lb, G. B. Haydon 12st, M. Mackellar 12st, C. L. Wilcox 10st 5lb stroke, F. W. M. Busby cox.) 1

St. Ignatius' College (T. O'Connor 10st 1lb, J. O'Mara 10st 7lb, R. V. M'Donnell 11st 1lb, J. Carleton 11st 7lb stroke, A. Kelly cox.) 2

Sydney Grammar School (S. A. Marden 10st 6lb, C. M. Boyds 11st 13lb, M. K. Inglis 11st 6lb, C. R. Lucas 11st 8lb stroke, L. E. George cox.) 3

The breeze was fairly strong against the boats, and the tide was uncertain. Mr. J. M'Gregor got the three crews away on even terms at One Man Wharf. Church of England started away at a fast stroke, and was soon a length in front of St. Ignatius, and rather more from Sydney Grammar School. The water was difficult, and there was a good deal of splashing, but the cleverest watermen were in the Church of England boat. At Gladesville Wharf the time was 2m 3s, and Church of England led by nearly a length from St. Ignatius, and by a full length from Sydney Grammar. The lads on the Lady Manning made demonstrative appeals to the crews to increase their efforts, but they were all doing well, although Sydney Grammar lacked dash, and was certainly sluggish in the catch. Church of England nipped on very well, and kept good time even in the worst of water. At Cabarita the water was very trying, although there was not much roll on the wash. Here Church of England drew away, and at Tennyson led by two lengths, going well all the time. St. Ignatius was full of gritty rowing, but was unable to pace it with the leaders. Meanwhile Sydney Grammar dropped astern fast. Nearing the finish the distance between the crews was lengthened out, and on passing the judge (Mr. Degotardi) Church of England was leading three lengths from St. Ignatius, and by about ten more lengths from Sydney Grammar.

The time taken by Mr. Blackman was 9m 53s, which is the slowest on record, but under the adverse circumstances was not bad. Mr. V. Horniman was umpire. The distance rowed was 1m 500yds, and the mile took 7m 28s to row. The previous holders were St. Ignatius College.

The score of wins now stands:—Church of England, 6; Sydney Grammar, 4; and St. Ignatius, 3. The last named has not always been a starter. The challenge prize is the Major Rennie trophy, and the individual winners receive Schools' Association badges, and the school receives a certificate.

SECOND CREWS.

Second Crews, for the Yaralla Cup and association certificate. Course from Gladesville to Putney. Distance, 1m.

St. Ignatius College (H. M'Ardle 9st 9lb, C. Veech 10st 6lb, J. Fernandos 11st 1lb, C. Burfitt 10st 2lb stroke, F. Kirkhead cox.) 1

Sydney Grammar School (A. H. K. Bray 9st 9lb, J. R. Hooton 10st 4lb, A. T. Woodriff 10st 11lb, H. R. Chapman 10st 9lb stroke, E. W. Pearce cox.) 2

Sydney Church of England Grammar School (W. L. Allison 8st, J. B. Gaden 10st 2lb, A. F. Martin 11st 5lb, C. H. Edwards 9st 3lb stroke, J. H. Newmarch cox.) 3

St. Ignatius got a bad start, owing to the wind, but soon made up the slight loss. Church of England was smartly away, and led, but were not strong enough to keep going. Sydney Grammar, one of the most vigorous of crews, although in a bad course, rowed so effectively that they led at Cabarita, and all the way were well up, with St. Ignatius pressing them hard, and rowing rather well. Church of England fell astern, but it was a great race between the other two, and until a few lengths from the finish Sydney Grammar led; then St. Ignatius got in front, and won a very fine contest by a length in 7m 10s. The race was most exciting all the way, and was well contested over every part of the course.

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1897	Ch. E. G.S.	S.G.S.	St. I. Col.	8.7
1898	Ch. E. G.S.	S.G.S.	Ch. E. G.S.	7.59
1899	St. I. Col.	S.G.S.	—	[illegible]
1900	Ch. E. G.S.	S.G.S.	Ch. E. G.S.	[illegible]
1901	St. I. Col.	S.G.S.	Ch. E. G.S.	[illegible]
1902	S.G.S.	St. I. Col.	St. I. Col.	8.59
1903	S.G.S.	Ch. E. G.S.	Ch. E. G.S.	8.45
1904	S.G.S.	St. I. Col.	Ch. E. G.S.	9.15
1905	St. I. Col.	S.G.S.	S.G.S.	[illegible]
1906	Ch. E. G.S.	St. I. Col.		[illegible]

INTERSTATE EIGHT-OAR RACE.

THE COURSE.

PERTH (W.A.), Wednesday.

The Western Australian Rowing Association has picked an absolutely straight course of three miles and a quarter in Melville Water, on the Swan River, for the interstate eight-oar race to be rowed next Saturday week. The start will be at Applecross and finish at the Narrows, directly in front of King's Park Gates. Western Australia will be represented in the sculling event by P. J. Walsh, champion of the State, and H. A. Stephenson, one time champion of Tasmania.

The name of the stroke in the St. Andrew's College crew, the winners of the intercollegiate fours, rowed on Tuesday, was Thomas S. Dixson.

A Chicago jury awarded Rukth Bostrum, a ten-year-old blind girl, £5000 damages for injuries sustained by receiving an electric shock. She was paralysed while walking near an electric wire owned by the Union Traction Company. The jury accepted the theory advanced in support of the girl's case that it is not necessary to touch a highly-charged wire to receive a shock. It was stated that a shock might be received by a person who was four feet away from a live wire.

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NEWCASTLE.

A MISTAKEN £50 NOTE.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

At the Newcastle Police Court to-day, before Mr. M. S. Love, S.M., Herman Horskemper, a German seaman, from the steamer Germanicus, was charged by warrant, on remand from Sydney, with fraudulently appropriating to his own use the sum of £45, belonging to Captain Berndt, at Newcastle, on the 17th inst, although not originally taken with fraudulent intent. Shortly after paying off some men on the 13th inst, Captain Berndt, of the Germanicus, found that he had paid away a £50 instead of a £5 note. The accused was arrested in Sydney yesterday with £41 in his possession. A fine of £20 was imposed.

ASSAULTING HIS WIFE.

William Mawson, 32, a labourer, was charged with having, at Islington, on April 23 unlawfully assaulted his wife, Ada Ann Mawson. Constable Hogan deposed that he went to the residence of accused on that date, and there saw him strike the prosecutor on the face. Witness also saw him take a broken lemonade bottle off the mantelpiece. He thereupon arrested him. Accused was under the influence of drink. Mrs. Mawson, in her evidence, said that she had been separated from her husband five times. Accused came home drunk on the 23rd, and said he was going to put her out of the house. He struck her on the head with an enamelled mug, threw a flat-iron, which rebounded from the wall and struck her on the back, and he then kicked her. The medical evidence showed that there were also marks where teeth had apparently bitten her on the body. Accused pleaded provocation, and said that the trouble started with her taking the childrens' money to spend on drink. Accused was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

EXPORTS BY SEA.

The following were to-day's clearances:—Essen, s, for Singapore, with 3650 tons coal; Colac, s, for Townsville, with 1750 tons coal and 100 rams.

INTER-UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The inter-University sports were held this afternoon. Results:—

120yds Hurdle Championship.—Stewart (Sydney), 1; Lawton (Melbourne), 2; Gardiner (Melbourne), 3. Won by 18in. Time, 16 3-5s.

100yds Flat Championship.—Dowdy (Adelaide), 1; French (Sydney), 2; Angwin (Adelaide), 3. Won on the post. Time, 10 3-5s.

High Jump Championship.—M. H. Moyes (Adelaide) and J. T. Lawton (Melbourne), dead heat. Both competitors cleared 5ft 8½in, but neither could go higher though they had five tries. The event was then declared a draw.

Mile Championship.—Waddy (Sydney) 1; Oldham (Melbourne), 2; Nevitt (Melbourne), 3.

440 Yards.—French (Sydney), 1; Barratt (Melbourne), 2; Ascher (Sydney), 3.

Championship points were awarded:—Sydney, 3; Adelaide, 2½; Melbourne, 1½.

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PARTNER wanted, £160, printing office, sleeping or active, good chance, no agents. Advance, Herald.

PHOTOGRAPHY.—Piecework Retouchers wanted, must be good quick workers. Tesla Studios, Q.V.M.

PLASTERERS wanted. Rest Hotel, next Town Hall, North Sydney. Labour only.

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SALES.—A good Opening for a young lady to be taught the Sales in Millinery, Underclothing, and Fancy Depts., must be smart and of good appearance. Mrs. HUGHES, 84 Lackey-st ..., Summer Hill.

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TAILORESSES for Coats, Trousers, Vests; also Machinists, all brchs. Nathan Jacobs, 269 Kent-st.

TAILORESSES.—First-class Coat HANDS wanted, at once. Ell, Newtown.

TAILORESSES.—Outdoor, Conway Vests Hands wanted. Factory, 433 Kent-st.

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TO TAILORS.—Wanted, f.c. Coatmaker. Alf. Smith, 360 King-st, Newtown.

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WANTED, Lad, attend engine and boiler. Apply A. Ball, Allen-st, Pyrmont.

WANTED, good Carpenters. On job, Water Reserve, Botany, early.

WANTED, Boy, to take orders in carrier's office. Lily of St. Leonards Hotel, Milson's Point.

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WANTED, young Lady, with experience in Confectionery Business, refs. Apply Fava's, 138 King-st.

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WANTED, by compt. person, Sit. as Ck. and L'dress, subs. pref., gd. refs. E. S., 246 Riley-st, Surry H.

WANTED, a smart BOY, abt. 15, just left school. App. Mr. Putland, Crago's Flour Mills, Newtown.

WANTED, a BRICKLAYER, Beamish-st, Campsie, early.

WANTED, Plasterer's LABOURER. Early, job, Old Canterbury-rd, Lewisham.

WANTED, smart Male or Female Detective, experience preferred. Ref. 10 a.m., Sydney Det. Bureau.

WANTED, a smart BOY. N. S. Wales Bookstall, Circular Quay.

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WANTED, LADY SECRETARY and BOOKKEEPER (experienced), £1, for DENTISTS; LADY NURSE, 10s; LADY ASST., T. Rooms. Apply, 2 p.m., Mrs. SEYMOUR, Darley-chambers, King-street.

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

Department of Public Works, Sydney, 25th April, 1906.

TENDERS will be received at this office up to 2 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, 14th May, 1906, for the following Works at the New Central Railway Station, viz.:—
Fitting up Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms.
Inquiry Office, etc.
Latrines in Basement; and
Ironwork to Enclosures, etc.
Plans and Specifications of the above works may be seen in the Contractors' Room of this Department.
CHARLES A. LEE, Secretary for Public Works. (6b 18)

Department of Fisheries, Sydney, 11th April, 1906.

IT is hereby notified, for general information, that the undermentioned persons have applied to LEASE for OYSTER CULTURE the portions of Land set opposite their respective names. Tracings showing the positions of the several portions enumerated may be inspected at this Department daily (excepting Saturdays) between 11 and 3 o'clock, and on Saturdays between 11 and 12 o'clock. Any person may, by memorial to the Board of Fisheries, within thirty days from the date of this Notice, and on grounds to be stated in such memorial, pray that leases of the portions may not be granted.
J. A. BRODIE, Secretary.

HAWKESBURY RIVER.
CHARLES ALICK.—250 yards, Parish Berowra, on the western bank of Berowra Creek, Hawkesbury River, about 150 yards north-westerly from the northern end of applicant's oyster lease, No. 4485.

GEORGE'S RIVER.
FREDERICK SELMON.—800 yards, Parish Sutherland, on the south-western shore of Woolooware Bay, George's River, about 300 yards westerly from applicant's oyster lease, No. 3843, at Shell Point. (1b-114)

Postmaster-General's Department, 24th April, 1906.

TENDERS will be received by the Acting Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, until 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 18th July next, for the Supply and Delivery of 520 gross of Leather Labels for Mail Bags. For further particulars see "Commonwealth Gazette" of 21st instant.
T. T. EWING, For Postmaster-General.

LOST AND FOUND.

LEFT 'bus, Paddington to railway, Tues., Public Library book; rwd. Mrs. Jones, florist, Padd.

LEFT in Balmain tram, brown leather Purse. Rew., fruit shop, cr. Weston-rd and Darling-st, Rozelle.

LOST, Tues., 24th, betw. Harris-st, Pyr., and Darling-st, Bal., packet of Papers; rwd. A.M.P. Soc.

LOST, King, George, Market sts, or in Glebe 1d 'bus, gold Dagger, set pels; gd. rwd. 195 Harris-st.

LOST, Australian Terrier (sut), silky hair, answers to name Mo; reward. 17 Cadder-rd, Redfern.

LOST, four parts of Sewing Machine, between Annandale and Leichhardt; reward. 17 Gladstone-st, Ldt.

LOST, a Gold BANGLE, George-st, nr. Railway. Apply W. Wainwright, Hairdresser, Canterbury.

LOST, Tues. eve., G. Brooch, bet. Station-st M'ville-rd; rew. Frampton Cottage, Marrickville-rd.

LOST, Redfern, dk. br. Horse, 14h., JB3 on rump, winkers on; rew. R. Shannon, Percival-rd, P'sham.

LOST, Gold Bracelet, W. Spiller, bet. Watson's Bay, via King-st, Neutral Bay. Spiller, Custom-h., Syd.

LOST, Masonic Apron and Case, bet. King-st and Circular Quay. Reward. J. Bland, 36 York-st.

LOST, Single stone Diamond Pin, bet. 177 Pitt-st and Royce-st, Glebe Pt. Reward, 177 Pitt-st.

LOST, FLAG, American, with flagpole, vicinity Garden Island; reward. Knowles Co., 45 Hunter-st.

LOST, Pug DOG, from Wentworth, Orpington-st, Ashfield. Reward on returning, above address.

LOST, in Walker-st, Leather BAG, containing money. Reward, 39 Walker-st, N. Sydney.

LOST, nr. Narrabeen, Easter w., pair Cuffs, gold Links. Rew. C. Horns, Pittar, dentist, Oxford-st.

LOST, MAGPIE. 5s reward on returning to 74 Regent-st, Redfern.

LOST, small bunch of KEYS, between Miller and West sts, N. Syd.; rwd. 242 Miller-st, op. P'r H.

LOST on Sunday last, bet. Bowral and Picton, 1 Motor TYRE; reward. Speare, Merley-rd, Hmbsh.

LOST, Oxidised and Gold Fob, and G. Locket, photo. of girl inside. Reward, 77 Castlereagh-st.

LOST, at Mosman's town hall, small Grey Purse. Apply W. C. Goddard, Norwich-chbrs., Hunter-st.

LOST, Parcel, containing Masonic apron, Tuesd., nr. railway station; reward. 100 Regent-st, Newtown.

LOST, betw. George-st West and L'pool-st, gentleman's MEDAL; reward. Mrs. Brown, 36 Glebe-st, Glebe.

LOST, the Morning Headache now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

LOST, by Boy, PARCEL containing Boy's Coat, Table Cloth, Towels, also sum of Money, property of poor widow, between Carlton Station and Bruce-street; reward. Mr. Harrison, Newsagent, Kogarah.

LOST, small Blue Enamel Gold BROOCH, with Latin inscription, between Hunter-street and Lassetter's. VEGETARIAN CAFE, 45 Hunter-street. Reward.

LOST, between A.B.C. Cafe and Waters's corner, King-street, or Pitt-street, Gold Mosaic Bangle. Finder rewarded. Bank N.S.W., Southern Branch.

LOST, at Campbelltown, bet. Harris hotel and station, Gold Photo. Pendant, baby's and soldier's photos. M. BARR, Augustus-street, Leichhardt.

MAGPIE lost, grey back; reward. Belmont, Shadforth-st, Mosman.

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REWARD.—Lost, Black and Tan Sheep Dog. H. Baass, Trebartha, New-st, Mosman.

REWARD, £20, for conviction of person who ringbarked tree, 67 ..., Tempe.

REW. £2.—Lost, Geo.-st, lady's S. Watch, Chain, ... Roseville, Catherine-st, Lhrdt.

STRAYED, 2 y. Horses fr. L'hardt-rd, br. G (between 2 bars); rew. Sully, butcher, Abercrombie-st, Rfn.

WILL the Person return Spaniel Pointer SLUT to ... Palmer-st, D'hurst, Police informed. F. Hosking.

ASHFIELD POUND.—Brown Mare, to be sold This Day, noon.

FOUND, Set Gold and Vul. TEETH. J. J. Marshall, Dentist, 28 Wynyard-square.

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STRAYED into 63 Abercrombie-st, one Bay MARE, branded on shoulder.

ST. PETERS POUND.—Bay HORSE, like 7B3 near rump, winkers on, sale on to-day; Creamy Pony Horse, indistinct brand, like S reversed near shoulder, bally face.

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BUCKLEY.—The Friends of Mrs. WILLIAM BUCKLEY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved HUSBAND; to leave his late residence, No. 6 Miles-street, Surry Hills, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY, Funeral Directors. Tel., 1160, 424, etc.

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DUNLOP.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES DUNLOP are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SON, Raymond Charles Dunlop; to move from their residence, 7 Hargrave-street, Paddington, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 3 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELA, Tel., 992, Funeral Director, Head Office, 116 Oxford-st.

FINLAY.—The Friends of the late LOUISA R. FINLAY, daughter of the late John T. Finlay, are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to leave the residence of her Brother-in-law, Mr. George H. Smith, 47 Parramatta-road, Annandale, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Balmain Cemetery. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, 208 King-street, Newtown, and Railway-parade, Kogarah.

HUBAND.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HENRY HARLEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Emma Huband, which will leave their residence, 178 Princes-street, Sydney, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Wesleyan Cemetery, Field of Mars. WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors, etc. Tel., 726, etc.

HUBAND.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. FOUNTAIN, of Drummoyne, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Emma Huband, which will leave No. 178 Princes-street, Sydney, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Field of Mars Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY.

JOLLEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD JOLLEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SON, Harold; to move from their residence, Edgarville, Fletcher-street, Woollahra, THIS THURSDAY, at 3 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Ltd., Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-st, city, and Leicester-st, Paddington. T., 875.

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TELFER.—The Friends of Mr. DAVID TELFER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Isabella Wilson, which will leave his residence, No. 2 Church-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Balmain Cemetery, Leichhardt. WOOD and COMPANY, Tel., 726 etc. Funeral Directors, etc.

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WOOD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WALTER WOOD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Lizzie; to move from their residence, 29 Little Hay-street, Darling Harbour, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Rookwood. T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker, 25 Enmore-road, Newtown. Tel., 138 N.

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WANTED, General Servant, sleep at home, refs. Apply News Agency, Allison-rd, Randwick.

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WANTED, a good GENERAL HELP, sleep at home. Apply 42 Grafton-st, Woollahra.

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WANTED, smart, steady young MAN, used to coffee stall. Apply H. Rayner, 178 Castlereagh-st.

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WANTED, Parlour Maid or Waitress, at once. Apply Alba House, 27 York-st, Wynyard-sq.

WANTED, at once, competent Cook. Apply between 10.30 and 11 a.m., 105 Hunter-st, city.

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WANTED, strong Girl as KITCHENMAID, with knowledge of cooking. Apply between 10.30 and 11.30, Lady DARLEY, Quambi, Albert-street, Edgecliff.

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